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VINEYARDS



2015 Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon

We have been producing Cabernet Sauvignon since 1978. Blending fruit from estate vineyards and top Napa Valley growers, this wine embodies the complexity of the valley, while offering a seamless balance between fruit, oak and tannins. To add nuance, the Cabernet is blended with Merlot, yielding a wine that is approachable in its youth, yet worthy of cellaring.



In the Vineyards

In Napa Valley, a warm, dry spring resulted in an early budbreak, while an extended flowering period brought a return to normal yields after three years of abundant crops. With berry weights down, the grapes offered great concentration, while retaining excellent acidity. We had one of our earliest harvests in the past decade, with our first white grapes arriving at the winery on July 31st. A light rain in mid-September nourished the vines, while providing welcome additional hangtime. Overall, the quality of the fruit was exceptional, with our white wines showing both richness and complexity, and our red grapes displaying a fine balance between elegance and intensity, with gorgeous dark fruit flavors.

Comments from the Winemaker

Beginning with a gorgeous nose of boysenberry, cherry, strawberry, cedar, sage and licorice, this lush and lively Cabernet captures the rich diversity of Napa Valley. On the palate, the alluring fruit flavors are underscored by bright acidity, firm polished tannins and notes of fig, licorice and cinnamon that linger on the well-structured finish.

Varietal Content

82% Cabernet Sauvignon, 10% Merlot, 6% Petit Verdot, 2% Cabernet Franc

Harvest Information

Appellation: Napa Valley

Harvest Dates: August 21 – October 14

Average Sugar at Harvest: 25.9° Brix

Cooperage

100% French oak château-style barrels (60 gallons)

Barrel Aging: 16 Months

Age of Barrels: 50% New, 50% Neutral

Production and Technical Data

Alcohol: 14.5%

0.59 g/100 ml titratable acidity

10-12 days fermentation at 82°F

pH: 3.72