



2015 Reserve Selection Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon



TECHNICAL NOTES

APPELLATION: NAPA VALLEY

VARIETAL: 92% CABERNET SAUVIGNON, 2% PETIT VERDOT, 2% MALBEC, 2% CABERNET FRANC, 1% MERLOT, 1% PETITE SIRAH

ALCOHOL: 14.5% BY VOL.

PH: 3.66

TA: 6.1 G/L

AGEING: 20 MONTHS FRENCH OAK, 31% NEW FRENCH OAK

IN THE VINEYARD

The grapes for the Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon were sourced from our organic and biodynamic vineyards in Rutherford, as well as select vineyards in Calistoga and Coombsville. Our estate vineyards are located on gravelly alluvial fan soils with good drainage, necessary for growing excellent quality Cabernet Sauvignon. The vineyards are diligently monitored throughout the growing season to balance the crop size and quality.

ABOUT THE VINTAGE

The unseasonably warm temperatures in the early growing season in the Napa Valley in 2015 resulted in early bud break and bloom. Colder temperatures later in the season caused uneven fruit set and resulted in a smaller crop than previous average yields. Winemakers and vineyard crews worked diligently to pick and sort the best berries. Harvest began as early as July 22nd, one of the earliest harvests recorded and concluded by mid-October. While drought was still a concern for most of California, Napa Valley received 75% of normal rainfall for the water year.

CONVERSATIONS WITH THE WINEMAKERS

The wine spent between 21 and 59 days on skins, then was aged for 20 months in 100% French oak, of which 31% was new French oak (mostly Demptos, Saury, Leroi and Seguin Moreau). The balance was aged in twice and thrice-used French oak. The final blend includes small amounts of Petit Verdot, Merlot, Cabernet Franc, Petite Sirah and Malbec for added depth and complexity. The wine was bottled unfiltered, contributing greater texture and presence to the mid palate.

WINE PROFILE

Our 2015 Napa Valley Reserve Selection Cabernet Sauvignon opens with a sweet intensity and gingerbread warmth with aromas of raspberry and blackberry. With sweet, juicy fruit on the entry and balanced concentration, the palate has weight and density. Flavors of vanilla, boysenberry, cardamom and anis are complemented by a long finish. Enjoy this wine over the next 5-9 years.