



## 2015 Cabernet Sauvignon

Napa Valley

### Winemaking Notes

**FRUIT** 83% Cabernet Sauvignon, 9% Petit Verdot, 4% Merlot 4% Cabernet Franc

**VINTAGE** The 2015 growing season in Napa Valley started out with unseasonably warm temperatures in the late winter and early spring. This resulted in an early bud break and bloom. Colder temperatures in May (during the peak of bloom) caused uneven fruit set which ultimately resulted in much smaller crop in 2015, compared to both average yields and also the three abundant years that preceded it. The harvest was one of the earliest on record in Napa Valley, beginning on July 22 with the picking of grapes for sparkling wine, and concluding for most all vintners and growers in the valley by mid-October. While ongoing drought was of great concern to farmers around California, Napa Valley received 75% of normal rainfall for the water year, bringing far fewer water concerns for Napa Valley's vintners.

**HARVEST DATES** September 4 - September 30, 2015  
Average Degrees Brix: 27.0

**WINEMAKING** The fruit for this wine comes from both our sustainably farmed vineyard in Rutherford, and from local Napa Valley vineyards. Each vineyard block was harvested and made into an individual lot representing that block. The wines were pressed off the skins from 10 to 30 days after crushing. Blending generally takes place between January and April of the year following harvest. Bottled in June 2017.

**AGING** Aged for 18 months in French and American oak barrels (10 % new French oak barrels and 25% new American oak barrels)

**Tasting Notes** Bright blackberry, red plum, and raspberry fruit with notes of cranberry, black tea, spice and coriander seed. Luscious and balanced, with toasty oak and a long finish.