



Appellation: California
Alcohol: 13.9%
Brix: 24.6
pH: 3.73
Total Acidity: 5.6 g/L
January 2017 Release

2015 CALIFORNIA CABERNET SAUVIGNON

VINEYARDS

As the popularity and appreciation of California wines has grown, so has our awareness as winemakers of the vast opportunities in excellent, and unique growing regions available to us. Although the North Coast has traditionally set the standard for Cabernet Sauvignon, pockets of distinction have risen throughout the coastal regions of the state from areas close to our own home, such as the Sonoma Valley, to as far south as Monterey and Paso Robles. By integrating the diverse characteristics from each of these regions and their vineyards, we are proud to present an effortlessly approachable Cabernet that we feel represents the full potential of our state to produce world-class wines.

VINTAGE NOTES

The culmination of factors from another drought year in California surprised us with another wonderful vintage. An unseasonably dry and warm winter, which led to an early spring, forced the vines into bud break during peak frost season. However, the spring weather stayed mild during fruit set and led into a relatively warm summer which hastened ripening to unprecedented early harvest dates. Although the crop, overall, was lighter (and much, much earlier), than we've seen in several years, the outstanding quality of the fruit and resulting wines cannot be understated.

WINEMAKING

Due to the great variation in the vineyards from which we source our Cabernet Sauvignon, picking typically starts while we are still in the throes of Pinot Noir production, and often continues through to finish out our harvest. Each lot is picked overnight and delivered to the winery in the early morning hours where it is destemmed to closed-top fermenters. Individual vineyards are evaluated for their strengths and unique facets, which ultimately determine our choices in yeast and cap management. We often press these lots before they reach total dryness in order to maximize their bright fruit qualities without over-extracting heavy tannins. Each lot is aged separately on 40% new French and American oak for 12 months before we pull together the final blend prior to bottling.

TASTING

This Cabernet is eager to please both Cabernet drinkers and red wine fans alike. The bouquet and front palate is intense with notes of baked red cherries, ripe boysenberries, spicy cinnamon, and mild clove with floral hints of violets. The medium body bridges the middle to a toasty but unobtrusive back palate infused with vanilla and light mocha that finishes cleanly without dropping off abruptly, or lingering too long.

SRP - \$12.99