

Martin Ray

VINEYARDS & WINERY



100% Cabernet Sauvignon
Napa Valley
Brix at Harvest 25.6°
pH 3.79
Total Acidity 5.5 g/L
Alcohol 14.6%
June 2018 Release

2015 NAPA VALLEY CABERNET SAUVIGNON

THE VINEYARDS

Sourced heavily from Coombsville and Rutherford, and blended with carefully selected pieces from some of our most revered premium Napa Valley vineyard sites, this wine exemplifies the varied and complementary styles that define each sub-appellation. The diversity among the vineyards ultimately gives us the advantage of being able to blend a wine that displays the intense aromas and flavors that are characteristic to each unique region.

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 NOTES

Our Napa Valley Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon was crafted using classic, labor intensive, small-lot winemaking techniques which produce in the enhanced flavors and textures that consistently characterize our wines. The contributing vineyards were cold-soaked for 4 days, then spent two weeks in open-top fermenters, where they were gently punched down by hand. Aged for 16 months in 50% new French oak barrels.

TASTING NOTES

The diverse sources of this Cabernet Sauvignon exemplify the Napa Valley terroir. The strong, traditional bouquet layers notes of ripe Mulberry, dark cassis, wild violets and spice rooted by earthy undertones of dusty minerality. With clean fruit through-out the palate with blackberry pie and hints of elderflower, this medium-bodied wine has well-structured tannins balanced by a nuance of mocha and balanced by subtle oak influence.