

APPELLATION Napa Valley

COMPOSITION

90% Cabernet Sauvignon 6% Cabernet Franc

5% Merlot

OAK 19 Months in French Oak, 35% New

CASES PRODUCED 4,750

BOTTLED November 2017

ALCOHOL 14.1%

RESIDUAL SUGAR 0.18%

TA 6.33 g/L

PH 3.62



CABERNET SAUVIGNON

2015 Napa Valley

GROWING SEASON

The 2015 growing season started unseasonably warm, which resulted in early bud break and bloom. May brought colder temperatures, which caused uneven fruit-set resulting in a much smaller crop compared to average yields and the prior three vintages. A warm summer, with almost no rain, led to early ripening with picking beginning in August in some areas. Fruit from the harvest was colorful with concentrated flavors; it is expected to be a vintage of exceptional quality.

VINEYARD DESCRIPTION

Some of the world's best vineyards dot the hillsides, mountain tops, and lowlands of the Napa Valley. From the western heights of the Atlas Peak appellation to the northern reaches of the Napa Valley near Calistoga we source our fruit from superb growers who, like us, prize the purity and concentration of rich Napa Cabernet. Our Cabernet philosophy manifests as a decadent yet accessible wine that showcases the range of fruit and earth flavors found in the best of the microclimates throughout the Valley.

TASTING

COLOR Purplish ruby red with a deep hue.

NOSE Vanilla bean, ripe currants, cassis and black cherry.

PALATE Vibrant mulberry fruit comingles with rich toffee and caramel notes transitioning to darker plum fruits, and spice notes of licorice and chocolate. Soft, mature tannins are followed by a long and toasty finish.

FOOD PAIRINGS

Salt-crusted beef tenderloin, classic rib-eye roast, herbed potatoes, simple sautéed mushrooms with chives, hard cheeses.

COMMENTS

Napa Cabernet is one of life's great pleasures. Luscious berry fruit, multi-layered tannins, refined herbal notes and silky texture all combine to transport the taster to the incomparable Napa Valley. The valley is famous for long-lived red wines such as this that offer wave after wave of drinking pleasure. Through our work with partners throughout the region, we bottle this 'taste of Napa' that weaves mountaintop and lower elevation fruit together into an integrated profile of one of the world's most renowned winegrowing appellations.