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V I N E Y A R D S

Cabernet Sauvignon

NAPA VALLEY

2015 Vintage



TASTING NOTES The Cabernet Sauvignon from the 2015 vintage is inky purple in color with aromas of dense blackberry jam, cassis and balsamic followed by a layering complexity throughout the mouthfeel of supple, sweet tannins with expressive ripe plum, vanilla and rich black fruit.

GROWING SEASON The 2015 Napa Valley growing season experienced dry, mild winter and spring temperatures similar to the prior three growing seasons. The majority of Cabernet Sauvignon was 50% through bud break by the end of March, followed by a normal period of bloom. May temperatures were unseasonably cool, but summer months were consistently warm, with heat spikes in September and October, creating conditions for a low-yielding vintage of high quality fruit from one of the earliest and most condensed harvests on record. Small berries and loose clusters led to intensely concentrated, rich flavors and full-bodied wines from the 2015 vintage.

WINEMAKING NOTES

VARIETAL BREAKDOWN VINEYARD SELECTIONS

78% Cabernet Sauvignon
15% Merlot
3% Petit Verdot
2% Cabernet Franc
2% Malbec

33% Suscol — Napa Valley AVA
27% Yountville — Oak Knoll AVA
22% Home Ranch — St. Helena AVA
11% Banca Dorada — Rutherford AVA
7% Barboza & Las Rocas — Stags Leap AVA

BARREL AGING

The wine was aged for eighteen months in 40% new oak (65% French, 35% American) and 60% used French and American oak barrels before bottling.