

EXPERIENCE®

NAPA VALLEY CABERNET SAUVIGNON 2015

It is often said that life is a journey, not a destination. Experiences along the way make up the essence of our character. Much like a fine wine, we start out young and vibrant, and hopefully become refined and elegant with age. The essence of our Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon captures the balance between the winemaker's art and this journey.

VINTAGE:

The 2015 vintage was of outstanding quality, albeit with smaller yields than recent years. Warm temperatures in winter and spring resulted in an early bud break. A May cold spell during bloom led to an uneven fruit set.

This led to the much smaller crop and smaller yields compared with recent vintages. Perfect growing conditions through the remainder of spring and summer ensured full ripeness and intensity. Harvest was one of the earliest on record for Napa Valley and in full swing by mid- August.

WINEMAKING:

We started the 2015 Cabernet Sauvignon with a preliminary three-day cold soak to extract color and soft tannins, followed by eight days of fermentation, and a further twelve days of extended maceration. Malolactic fermentation finished in barrel. The wines were racked twice: first to barrel then to bottle.

TASTING NOTES:

Classic Cabernet Sauvignon aromas of blackberry, cassis, black currant, and dried violets shine with cocoa, toasted coconut, vanilla and baking spices in a supporting role. ● On the palate, the wine is rich and nicely balanced with a silky mouthfeel and soft tannins, and flavors of sweet blackberry, black pepper, and aromatic cedar. A lingering, spicy finish with flavors of blackberry, blueberry and cassis round out the wine.

VARIETAL COMPOSITION: 88% Cabernet Sauvignon,
12% Merlot

APPELLATION: Napa Valley

HARVEST DATES: Sept 15th, 2015 through
October 2nd, 2015

BARREL AGING: 17 months 30% new French;
10% new American; French
neutral for the balance)

RELEASE DATE: Winter 2018

ALCOHOL: 14.2%

TA: 5.5 g/L

pH: 3.6

CASES PRODUCED: 2,664

