

2015 Napa Valley Barrel Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon

TASTING NOTES:

Our 2015 Barrel Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon begins with aromas of blackberry jam, nutmeg, and herbs de Provence. Flavors of black current, toffee and baking spices are followed by bold tannins with a long fruit finish.

WINEMAKER NOTES:

Our 2015 Barrel Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon is primarily sourced from vineyards located in the mountains with valley floor vineyards to round it out. Atlas Peak has rocky and volcanic soil which allows the grapevines to produce concentrated and flavorful grapes. Howell Mountain is especially well suited to growing intensely flavored Cabernet Sauvignon due to the combination of volcanic, iron laden soils and high elevation. The soils are especially lean which naturally limits the vigor of the grapevines, concentrating the flavors contributing to the intensity of the finished wine. The Cabernet Sauvignon sourced from Diamond Mountain contributes black fruit aromas and flavors. The valley floor vineyards bring balance to the wine and adds acidity.

The 2015 harvest started earlier compared to the previous harvests. 2015 continued the trend of a mild winter and warm, dry spring and summer. Once harvest grew closer, our viticulture team noticed the grape clusters were smaller. The grape clusters were smaller due to multiple vintages of high yields. Even though yields were down, the quality was exceptional. The grapes had high concentrations of fruit flavors and complexity due to smaller grapes.

VARIETAL BLEND: 100% Cabernet Sauvignon

APPELLATIONS: 74% Atlas Peak, 11% Oakville,
10% Howell Mtn and 5% Diamond Mtn

AGING: 100% new French oak and 20% doubled barrel /27 months

ALCOHOL: 15.5 | **TA:** 0.55 g/100ml | **pH:** 3.76