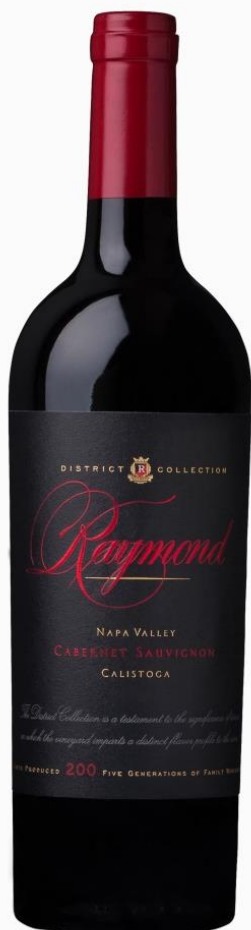


NAPA VALLEY

Raymond

2015 District Collection Calistoga Cabernet Sauvignon



TECHNICAL NOTES

Appellation: Calistoga, Napa Valley

Varietal: 100% Cabernet Sauvignon

Alcohol: 14.5%

pH: 3.49

TA: 7.0 g/L

Ageing: 20 months in French oak,
65% new French oak

IN THE VINEYARD

At the foot of Mount St. Helena, Calistoga's warmer climate and volcanic soils produce wines of unmistakable character. With a southwestern exposure and deep, established roots that allow for the use of minimal irrigation, the vines produce berries that were crafted into a wine with excellent flavor, body and overall complexity.

ABOUT THE VINTAGE

The unseasonably warm temperatures in the early growing season in the Napa Valley in 2015 resulted in early bud break and bloom. Colder temperatures later in the season caused uneven fruit set and resulted in a smaller crop than previous average yields. Winemakers and vineyard crews worked diligently to pick and sort the best berries. While drought was still a concern for most of California, Napa Valley received 75% of normal rainfall for the water year.

CONVERSATIONS WITH THE WINEMAKER

After hand-harvesting on September 11th and 16th, the grapes were fermented on the skins for an average of 48 days with native fermentation. After fermentation, the wine was gently pressed, racked and aged for 20 months in French oak barrels, 65% new French oak. Demptos French oak barrels from forests in the center of France impart their oak on wines slowly for a consistent, well-rounded aging process while yielding subtle oak influences to the Cabernet Sauvignon.

WINE PROFILE

Our 2015 Calistoga Cabernet Sauvignon is boasting with aromas of blackberry, and blueberry. Dark fruits dance on the palate and mingle with notes of cola and toasted oak. This is a polished wine with structured tannins and balanced acidity. A true expression of Cabernet Sauvignon and its terroir, this wine will age gracefully.