



2015 District Collection Rutherford Cabernet Sauvignon



TECHNICAL NOTES

Appellation: Rutherford, Napa Valley

Varietal: 100% Cabernet Sauvignon

Alcohol: 15.5%

pH: 3.61

TA: 6.4/L

Fermentation: 20 months in 56% New French oak

Production: 352 cases

IN THE VINEYARD

For our 2015 District Collection Rutherford Cabernet Sauvignon, we selected 100% of the grapes from our estate vineyard. The estate vineyards, which are grown both organically and biodynamically, are planted on deeper soil and tend to be warmer on average which provides volume and texture to the wine.

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

A mix of 90% clone 191 and the rest clone 7, the grapes were fermented on the skins for 38-52 days with pumpovers twice daily. After native fermentation, the wine was gently pressed, racked and aged in 100% French oak barrels, with 56% new oak for 20 months. The primary coopers were Ermitage and Demptos.

WINE PROFILE

Our 2015 Rutherford Cabernet Sauvignon is a medium to deep garnet-purple color in the glass. The wine opens with aromas of rich baked plums with a hint of incense and minerality. On the palate, flavors of black cherry pie are complemented by notions of dusty earth. This full-bodied wine features soft acid, plush tannins and a sturdy, long finish.