



2015 ANDRONICUS RED WINE NAPA VALLEY

Vintage

The 2015 growing season in Napa Valley started out with unseasonably warm temperatures in late winter and early spring, which resulted in early bud break and bloom. A warm winter followed by colder temperatures in May resulted in a smaller crop than the previous three vintages. While drought was of great concern, the lack of water resulted in small grape clusters with highly concentrated flavors. This vintage will be remembered for its high-quality fruit, but low yields.

Vineyard

Our family vineyard, located on the valley floor just north of St. Helena on the Silverado Trail, possesses well-drained, sandy, alluvial soils and is characterized by its ability to produce complex wines with well-defined fruit flavors, gentle acids and naturally balanced tannins. The Cabernet Sauvignon vines vary in age. They were most recently planted between the years 1996 to 2001 and are a combination of the 337 and See clones. Further north, our Ehlers Lane Vineyard consists of a stony, dry streambed and a knoll composed of thin gravelly soil over hard volcanic ash. Planted entirely to Cabernet Sauvignon these infertile soils produce low yields of grapes with concentrated flavors.

Wine Profile

The 2015 Andronicus exhibits bright, fresh aromas of cherry, plum, and rose hips. Brought on by the addition of more Cabernet Franc in this year's blend, crushed flowers and oolong tea add charm to the nose. The flavors follow through with more bright fruits including pomegranate, kirsch and plum, and the finish is rounded out by cigar box and clove complexity. Well-integrated tannins bring a richness to this enjoyable blend of Bordeaux varieties, and a smooth mouthfeel with fresh acidity makes this wine drinkable and delicious. Enjoy now through 2023.

Technical Information

Vineyard Manager:	Eric Titus	Appellation:	Napa Valley
Winemaker:	Stephen Cruzan	Cases Produced:	1122
Blend:	37% Merlot	Bottled:	August 2017
	26% Cabernet Sauvignon	Aging:	25% New Oak
	23% Cabernet Franc		French, Hungarian, American
	7% Petite Sirah		
	4% Zinfandel		
	3% Malbec		