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2015 MALBEC NAPA VALLEY

Vintage

The 2015 growing season in Napa Valley started with unseasonably warm temperatures in late winter and early spring, which resulted in early bud break and bloom. A mild 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 is located on 50 acres of Napa Valley floor just north of St. Helena on the Silverado Trail. It has 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.

Vinification

The 2015 Malbec was gently destemmed and then pumped to tank. It was fermented on the skins for 14 days and then drained at the completion of alcoholic fermentation. After draining it was racked to 65% new barrels, 70% of which are Hungarian Oak and 30% French Oak, to barrels for aging. It was then racked quarterly for the first year before being racked to tank in May for bottling.

Wine Profile

The 2015 Malbec is a fun wine with a great varietal expression. The aromas of ripe plum, cassis, blueberry, rose petals and cracked pepper pop out of the glass with freshness. The wine is smooth on entry and generous with flavors that remind us of dark cherries, plum, blackberry soda, nutmeg and milk chocolate. The seamless tannins are knit together with the palate and keep the wine flowing through the palate to a delightful finish filled with oak and toasty pie crust. Enjoy through 2028 and beyond.

Technical Information

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| Vineyard Manager: | Eric Titus | Cases Produced: | 377 |
| Winemaker: | Stephen Cruzan | Release: | February 2018 |
| Appellation: | Napa Valley | Barrel Aging: | 18 Months |
| Blend: | 80% Malbec | Alcohol: | 15.1% |
| | 15% Merlot | Total Acidity: | .61 g/100 ml |
| | 5% Cabernet Sauvignon | pH: | 3.73 |

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