

Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon

2015 NAPA VALLEY



TASTING NOTES

This wine appears rich, opaque ruby in the glass, with matching rich aromas of crème de cassis, fresh espresso, vanilla bean, and ripe blackberry. Toasty, spicy notes of cedar come through as well. On the palate, the wine offers flavors of blackberry, raspberry, black cherry, and cocoa powder, and has a soft yet firm tannic structure, with subtly gripping tannins that beg for grilled meats. The finish is long and expressive, with spiced fruit flavors lingering endlessly.

VINEYARDS

The S&J Vineyard is made up of 206 acres of land located east of the Vaca Mountain range in Napa's Capell Valley. Purchased in 2000, it is named for Darryl Frank's children, Stella and Jeremy, and is planted to 58 acres of Cabernet Sauvignon, along with 9 acres of Petite Sirah and 9 acres of Zinfandel. The soils are fertile, well-drained and clay loam-based, reminiscent of the Rutherford Bench.

The Benjamin Vineyard is located east of Conn Creek Road in the heart of the Rutherford AVA. Purchased by Rich Frank in 2012, the 87-acre parcel was formerly known as Wood Ranch was renamed for Paul Frank's son, and is planted with 50 acres of Cabernet Sauvignon, 8 acres of Petit Verdot, and 2 acres each of Zinfandel, Cabernet Franc, and Merlot. The vineyard is composed of gravelly loam soil as a result of sediment from the Conn Creek and Napa River which flowed through the region thousands of years ago.

COOPERAGE

20 months in 33% new and 67% once and twice-filled French oak barrels.

VINTAGE	2015
VARIETAL COMPOSITION	86% Cabernet Sauvignon, 9% Merlot, 4% Petite Verdot, 1% Cabernet Franc
APPELLATION	100% Napa Valley
HARVEST DATE	September 20th - October 22nd, 2015
ACID	0.66 g/100ml
pH	3.61
ALCOHOL	14.5%
CASES	25,000
PROPRIETORS	Rich & Leslie Frank
WINEMAKER	Todd Graff

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