

Cabernet Franc

2015

Vintage: Sixth
 Composition: 85% Cabernet Franc, 12% Cabernet Sauvignon, 1% Merlot, 1% Syrah, 1% Malbec
 Clone: Cabernet Franc 214
 Appellation: Napa Valley, Coombsville District
 Vineyard: Caldwell Vineyard Estate, Established 1981
 Block: 15, 17, 18
 Yield: 2.5 Tons per Acre
 Grape Varieties: Cabernet Franc, Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Syrah, Malbec
 Rootstock: 5BB, 3309, 5C, 101-14
 Average Vine Age: 24 Years

Vintage Summary: The 2015 growing season started with a very early bud break, due to a warm fall. Less than ideal conditions during bloom resulted in a challenging set and smaller crop size. Warmer weather continued through an early veraison in July. With the lighter crop, sugars rose faster than anticipated and we saw a historically early harvest. Compared to the last three vintages, 2015 lacked uniformity in both cluster and berry size, and canopies were lighter. Yields were down at least 30% across all varieties.

Harvest Date: Multiple
 Fermentation: Tank and New French Oak 59-Gal Barrels
 Yeast: Natural
 ML: Natural
 Wood Origin: French Oak (Allier, Tronçais, Vosges)
 Aging: 21 Months
 New Oak Barrels: 100%
 Fining: None
 Filtering: Filtered
 Alcohol: 15.2%
 Bottling Date: June 14, 2017

Winemaker's Tasting Notes: A perfumed nose of blackberry, black plum, anise, violet, white pepper, coffee grounds, and oregano. A blackberry attack leads to a robust mouth of black cherry, blackcurrant, leather, green olive, and fresh tobacco. Black tea tannins dissolve into a long, red currant finish.

Cellaring: 4–10 Years
 Production: 50 Cases
 Price: \$125 / 750ml

