

Carménère

2015

Vintage: Sixth
 Composition: 75% Carménère, 20% Cabernet Sauvignon,
 4% Petit Verdot, 1% Syrah
 Clones: Carménère - Clone 2,
 Cabernet Sauvignon - Clone 169,
 Petit Verdot - Clone 400, Syrah - Clone 2
 Appellation: Napa Valley, Coombsville District
 Vineyard: Caldwell Vineyard Estate, Established 1981
 Block: 12, 15, 18
 Yield: 2.5 Tons per Acre
 Average Vine Age: 26 Years
 Grape Varieties: Carménère, Cabernet Sauvignon, Petit Verdot,
 Syrah
 Rootstock: 3309, 5C, 101-14

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: 20 Months
 New Oak Barrels: 100%
 Fining: None
 Filtering: Filtered
 Alcohol: 14.8%
 Bottling Date: June 14, 2017

Winemaker's Tasting Notes: A sophisticated nose of blackberry, black cherry, ripe plum, violets, tobacco, cocoa, and sage. A black cherry attack leads to a full mouth of black currant, plum, black olive, leather, and cigar box. The soft, structured tannins melt into a long, smooth, blackberry finish.

Cellaring: 3–8 Years
 Production: 51 Cases
 Price: \$125/750ml

