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2015

NAPA VALLEY
CABERNET SAUVIGNON

LEONARDINI
ESTATE

VINTAGE

The 2015 vintage started with very little rainfall prior to bud break, enabling the vintage to be considered a drought year. Drought years often lead to less vegetative growth and more focused fruit development. The Spring was cooler than expected, causing the yields in the vineyards to decrease, but the concentration of tannins and flavors from the grapes to increase. Summer was relatively warm and allowed the fruit to ripen at a steady pace and by September and October. The Cabernet Sauvignon and Petit Verdot in this wine were harvested from our Oak Glen, Leonardini, Millennium MM, and Fawn Park Estate vineyards.

WINE

Our Cabernet Sauvignon and Petit Verdot were hand-picked, carefully destemmed, and sent to tank for a whole-berry fermentation. The grapes were cold-soaked in tank at 45°F for 4-7 days, allowing for increased color, aroma, and flavor extraction. After inoculation, the grape must (juice, skins, and seeds) fermented at 82°F, which allowed for a hot extraction on the skins. For fermentation cap management, we pumped juice over the skins twice a day, wetting the cap evenly. The wine was then sent to 75% new French oak, 25% neutral French oak barrels, aging for 26 months.

NOTES

This wine is a quintessential Cabernet Sauvignon. It begins on the nose with rich, dark red fruits, black cherries, wild strawberries, lavender, sweet vanillin, mixed berry tart, and baking spices. Its balance and mid-palate are most notable, providing long, plush tannins alongside its dense fruit character. On the palate, it delivers baked berry crisp, red plums, bourbon-soaked maraschino cherries, strawberry rhubarb pie, red currants, toasted walnuts, and cedar on the finish. The beautiful underlying tannin structure, complexity, and ample fruit will evolve over time and age gracefully for 15-20 years.

WINEMAKER: *Jason Moulton*

APPELLATION: *Napa Valley*

COMPOSITION: *94% Cabernet Sauvignon,
6% Petit Verdot*

ALCOHOL: *14.9%*

CASE PACK: *6/750mL*

SRP: *\$85*

UPC: *0-11628111016*

SCC: *100-11628111013*

ACCOLADES: *94+ Points - Robert Parker
91 Points - Wine Spectator*

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