

MIRROR

NAPA VALLEY CABERNET SAUVIGNON 2015



WINEMAKING

Hand harvested on a late September dawn, the deep-rooted Calistoga vines yielded a beautiful 2015 crop expressive of its volcanic and alluvial soils at the foot of Napa Valley's Palisades: limited vigor due to a dry year, but with healthy clusters and juicy berries. After easy sorting and quick destemming, gently crushed grapes began a 3-day cold soak for optimal color extraction and tannin stabilization. Onset of fermentation came with steadily rising temperatures, leveling out in the high 80°F and finishing strong with a full month on the skins. Barreled down to 100% new French Oak, allowing for a slow native malolactic fermentation over its first 8 months sur lie. With a total 30 months in barrel, this wine will continue to age to perfection over as many years in bottle.

TASTING NOTES

Hailing from the northernmost end of Napa Valley comes this eclectic and sensational Cabernet Sauvignon. The '15 Mirror is black and comes off at the onset with an incredible, elixir-like nose, of dried currant, plum reduction, blackberry and a touch of seductive French Oak barrel vanilla. The mouthfeel is true to the nose and follows the same lead with full, flush black fruit feel. The 30 months of aging in 100% new French Oak, and the right kiss of heady Malbec were used for added presence and support.

TECHNICAL DATA

Varietal: 95% Cabernet Sauvignon and 5% Malbec
Appellation: Calistoga, Napa Valley
Vineyards: Venge Vineyard and Larkmead Vineyard
Release Date: October 2018
Total Production: 114 cases
Retail: \$95.00 / 750 mL

RATINGS

Wine Enthusiast: 94 pts Wine Enthusiast, 93 pts Jeb Dunnick