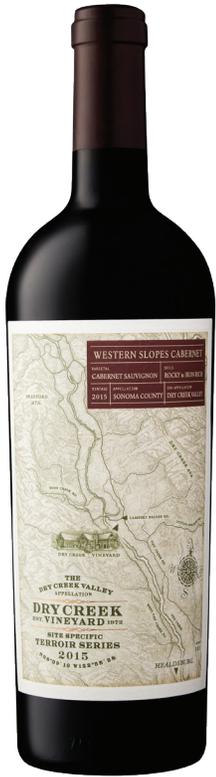


2015 WESTERN SLOPES CABERNET SAUVIGNON - DRY CREEK VALLEY



HISTORY

This high elevation Cabernet Sauvignon was inspired by our decades of working with Bordeaux varietals planted in the different districts and vineyards within Dry Creek Valley. Our family winery has always sought to match the best varietal to the vineyard for impeccably balanced and flavorful grapes. This exquisite Cabernet Sauvignon showcases some of the more extreme growing sites that lie on the western hillsides of Dry Creek Valley. The undulating nature of the terrain provides grapes that are beautifully ripened and lead to a wine that is silky, textured and complex.

GROWING SEASON

A dry and warm winter began the 2015 growing season with budbreak coming in early March. Cool weather came during fruit set, with not a lot of sunshine. A heat spike came in late June. However, the grapes ripened evenly and flavor and development were right where we wanted them to be. Yields were a bit down from previous vintages, but the quality was extremely high. This was one of our earliest recorded harvests with one of the earliest finishes in our history!

WINEMAKER COMMENTS

This vintage of Western Slopes Cabernet Sauvignon showcases the intense characters of a specific microregion on the western hillsides and mountains of Dry Creek Valley. Juicy aromas of black currant and cherry come forward initially. Additional airing reveals notes of black pepper, roasted almond and cedar. The palate is bold and luxurious with bright fruit flavors of bing cherry, black currant and dried cranberry. The finish lingers with notes of sweet tobacco, dried herbs and dried fruits. Smooth and supple tannins frame this silky and elegant expression of high elevation Cabernet Sauvignon.

RELEASE DATE	October 2018
BLEND	89% Cabernet Sauvignon, 7% Merlot, 4% Malbec
APPELLATION	Dry Creek Valley
HARVEST DATES	September 16 - 18, 2015
ALCOHOL	14.5%
FERMENTATION	12 - 14 days in fermenters at 82°F - 88°F; pumped over twice daily.
BARREL AGING	20 months in French, Hungarian and American oak; 45% new oak
BRIX	Average 24.7
PH	3.52
TA	5.7g/L
SOILS	Rocky & iron rich
VINE AGE	5 - 25 years
YIELDS	3.4 tons per acre

