

THE TERRACES

2015 Cabernet Sauvignon

Rutherford, 100% Estate Grown

Varietal: 100% Cabernet Sauvignon

Cases: 539

Alcohol: 14.7%

Bottled: May 12, 2017

Released: May 1, 2018

Suggested Retail: \$70.00

Vineyard: The Terraces estate vineyards are between 300 and 500 feet in elevation in the eastern foothills of the Rutherford AVA. The very well drained soils are comprised of volcanic rock known as Rhyolite. Moderately warm, the vineyard is still marginally influenced by early morning fog. The fruit for this wine is estate grown and comes from six unique hillside blocks

Vintage: Unseasonably warm temperatures in the late winter and early spring resulted in an early bud break and bloom. Colder temperatures in May caused uneven fruit set which ultimately resulted in much smaller crop. The high temperatures in August and early September accelerated maturity and picking times. Although yields were lower this is a vintage of exceptional quality.

Production: Hand picked and sorted before being de-stemming, each lot went into small tanks as whole berries. After a brief cold soak, the lots were fermented with a combination of wild and cultivated yeasts. A combination of punch downs, pump overs and rack and returns were performed several times a day to influence extraction in different ways over the course of fermentation. Pressed gently in a basket press, the wines were moved with lees to 35% new French barrels to finish malolactic fermentation.

Tasting Notes: The 2015 Cabernet Sauvignon is the truest expression of our Rutherford Estate vineyards. 100% Cabernet Sauvignon from the Rutherford Estate elegance that we desire from this varietal. Perfectly complex with ripe fruit, approachable alcohol, and supple tannin. Deep ruby color. Rich aromas of stewed blackberry, cassis, vanilla and toasty oak. Palate is full bodied with structured tannin and bright acidity. Flavors of cassis, blackberry, black cherry, and baking cocoa continue with a rich, long finish. Drink now or lay this bottle down to see it's true potential; 12-15+ years.

The Terraces: 130 years of grape growing and 30 years of winemaking history inspires us to create epic wines of astonishing value. We produce less than 3500 cases in total each vintage. We encourage you to visit on your next trip to Napa.

