

# THE TERRACES

2015 Cabernet Franc

Rutherford, 100% Estate



Varietal: 88.9% Cabernet Franc, 11.1% Cabernet Sauvignon

Cases: 214

Alcohol: 14.6%

Bottled: May 12, 2017

Released: February 1, 2019

Suggested Retail: \$75.00

**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.

**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 40% new French barrels to finish malolactic fermentation.

**Tasting Notes:** This impressive wine invites you into bottle with a gorgeous deep ruby color. Aromas of ripe black cherry, black plum and boysenberry are complimented with hints of violet, cedar and savory mushroom. The palate continues to impress with complex flavors of rich cooked blackberry, cacao, leather and brown spice. The opulent mouthfeel shows off robust chalky tannins and an incredible long finish. Drink now or cellar for 12-15 years.

**The Terraces:** 130 years of grape growing and 30 years of winemaking history inspire us to create epic wines of astonishing value. Less than 3500 cases produced each vintage. We encourage you to visit on your next trip to Napa.