



## 2015 CABERNET SAUVIGNON NAPA VALLEY

<i>Release Date</i>	September, 2017
<i>Production</i>	21 Barrels
<i>Appellation</i>	Napa Valley: Calistoga AVA, St. Helena AVA, Rutherford AVA & Coombsville AVA
<i>Varietal Composition</i>	77% Cabernet Sauvignon & 23% Merlot
<i>Winemaking Team</i>	Seana and Justin Hunnicutt Stephens, Proprietors Kirk P. Venge, Winemaker
<i>Cooperage</i>	Aged for 22 months in 100% French oak, 50% new
<i>Tasting Notes</i>	<p>The thing that distinguished Cabernet Sauvignon as the dominant varietal in Napa is its ability to take on distinct and diverse characteristics based on subtle variations in soil, temperature, light and moisture. This is most apparent to us as we sit around our blending table, tasting the individual lots that will eventually be blended to become our Napa Cab. Many of the vineyards that we work with are only a stone's throw away from each other, however each is distinct and each new vintage is a new puzzle to decipher. 2015 as a vintage was a blessing and a curse, the drought had continued into its fourth year and that combined with cold weather during the early spring meant that the fruit set was 30%-40% below average. As often happens however, when quantity is down the quality of the fruit is able to shine through and this was definitely the case this vintage.</p> <p>In the glass, rich aromas of blackberry, crème de cassis and chocolate covered cherries mingle with a flinty minerality and hints of anise. This wine has an abundant entry with lush red and black fruit notes, showcasing the interplay of Cabernet and Merlot in the blend. Subtle expressions of oak, espresso and caramel rise up in the mid-palate and form a beautifully structured finish of fine grain dusty tannins.</p> <p>Our 2015 Cabernet Sauvignon, Napa Valley is a wine that will certainly reward aging, but with the increased percentage of Merlot in the blend this year, we think you will find plenty to love right out of the gate. Enjoy now with a long 2+ hour decant and happily through the early 2020's.</p>
<i>Other Hunnicutt Wines</i>	HUNNICUTT 2015 Zinfandel, Luvisi Vineyard HUNNICUTT 2014 Cabernet Sauvignon, 9-3-5