



HUNNICUTT

2015 CABERNET SAUVIGNON RUTHERFORD AVA *BRINKMAN BLOCK*

<i>Release Date</i>	April, 2018
<i>Production</i>	13 Barrels
<i>Appellation</i>	Rutherford AVA – Beckstoffer Georges III
<i>Varietal Composition</i>	100% Cabernet Sauvignon
<i>Winemaking Team</i>	Seana and Justin Hunnicutt Stephens, Proprietors Kirk P. Venge, Winemaker
<i>Cooperage</i>	Aged for 28 months in 100% French oak, 80% new
<i>Tasting Notes</i>	<p>We began sourcing from the Beckstoffer Georges III vineyard in Rutherford in 2005 and it's amazing to think back now on how much has changed since that first time we walked our block. As we got to know the vineyard, it became clear that we had a site deserving of a singular focus, so for the 2008 vintage we decided to keep a small amount unblended. From that came our first ever single vineyard, 100% Cabernet Sauvignon, then called simply the Rutherford AVA. This began our AVA Series and with the 2013 vintage we rechristened this wine Brinkman Block after and in honor of my mom, Christina Brinkman Stephens.</p> <p>2015 was a vintage that tested farmers, from an early bud break, to a cool spring bringing risks of frost to finally one of the earliest harvests on record, a steady hand in the vineyard was key. We were blessed to have several and the fruit showed it, when the small but beautiful tight clusters arrived at the winery.</p> <p>On the nose, the 2015 Brinkman Block is classic Napa, with intense notes of blackberry and blueberry rising readily from the glass mated with hints of cocoa, Christmas spices and graham cracker crust. Tasting this wine continues the impression as opulent red and black fruit notes are mated to ample mid-palate acidity and quintessential fine dusty tannins so true to Rutherford.</p> <p>This wine while enticing in its youth, has true aging potential, likely not matched by any recent vintage. Enjoy now with a long decant or will into the 2030's.</p>
<i>Other Hunnicutt</i>	HUNNICUTT 2016 Chardonnay, Sonoma Coast
<i>Wines</i>	HUNNICUTT 2015 Fearless Red
