



2015 CUVÉE ÉQUITÉ

NAPA VALLEY

<i>Release Date</i>	January, 2018
<i>Production</i>	7 Barrels
<i>Appellation</i>	Merlot: Coombsville AVA – Farella Cabernet Sauvignon: Rutherford AVA – Walther River Block Malbec: Pope Valley - Calla Lily
<i>Varietal Composition</i>	65% Merlot, 25% Cabernet Sauvignon, 10% Malbec
<i>Winemaking Team</i>	Seana and Justin Hunnicutt Stephens, Proprietor Kirk P. Venge, Winemaker
<i>Cooperage</i>	Aged for 22 months in 100% French oak, 60% new
<i>Tasting Notes</i>	<p>In Bordeaux, the river Gironde divides the wine growing region into two parts, the Left and Right Bank. The Left Bank focuses on Cabernet driven complexity and structure, while the Right Bank is built upon Merlot and produces rich, balanced and inviting wines. What does all of this have to do with winemaking in Napa? Well, nothing really, we make our own rules, but it provides inspiration for our Cuvée Équité. Much has been written on the fate of Merlot in the US and we think it's time to flip that story sideways and do our bit to revive one of the great varieties of the world.</p> <p>The 2015 vintage has been characterized by the prominent drought conditions that year and as expected in a drought year, thought quantities fell, the richness and depth of the fruit shines through. On the nose this wine shows abundant cherry, and brambled black berry notes with subtle hints of dried mission fig, hazelnut and tobacco. The palate begins soft and generous with black, blue and red fruit notes all present and as it lingers on the taste buds firm fine grained tannins frame the ample fruit and linger to the finish.</p> <p>Our “Equity Blend” is as always dedicated to all those who hold equity in our dream and help to make this pursuit of ours possible. Share with those who do the same for you. The 2015 vintage will be one that rewards aging and this wine is showing serious potential. Being Merlot driven, it will drink beautifully now after a long decant, however feel free to stash some for 2020 and beyond.</p>
<i>Other Hunnicutt Wines</i>	HUNNICUTT 2015 Pinot Noir, Silver Eagle HUNNICUTT 2014 Cabernet Sauvignon, Calistoga AVA, <i>Kenefick Ranch</i> HUNNICUTT 2014 Cabernet Sauvignon, St. Helena AVA, <i>Wayside</i>
