



2015 CABERNET SAUVIGNON

9-3-5

<i>Release Date</i>	September 3 rd , 2018
<i>Production</i>	6 Barrels
<i>Appellation</i>	Cabernet Sauvignon: St. Helena AVA – Lewelling & Stice Lane
<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% new French oak
<i>Tasting Notes</i>	<p>9-3-5 began with our wedding day. Seana and I were married on September 3rd of '05 and as you'd expect, harvest was hot on our heels. It all happened so fast in our first few vintages as we were only working with a few select vineyards and had only planned to produce two wines, our Zinfandel and Cabernet Sauvignon. Once harvest ended and we tasted through our 3 Cabernet lots in barrel however, it was clear we had the potential for more. About a year and several blending trials later, we settled on a small 4 barrel blend that became our first ever reserve wine the 2005 9-3-5. With that as our benchmark, we've committed to only releasing our 9-3-5 in vintages that we feel are of undeniable quality and will produce a memorable stirring wine.</p> <p>2015 was a vintage that tested farmers, from an early bud break and a cool spring bringing risk of frost to finally one of the earliest harvests on record, a steady hand in the vineyard was key. In addition, a multiyear drought tested the vines and dramatically lower yields were a hallmark of the vintage. Despite, or more accurately because of these challenges we feel the 2015 vintage has yielded some of the most elegant, thought provoking and age friendly bottlings we've ever produced.</p> <p>Our 2015 9-3-5 instantly showcases this as the nose is dark and brooding with deep blackberry and boysenberry notes rising from the glass, framed by background hints of nutmeg, cocoa nib and camphor. Once tasted, elegant blackberry and dark cherry mingle and resolve alongside supple notes of vanilla and clove which continue to an abundantly fruit driven mid palate and follow to a finish of ample yet velvety tannins emblematic to St. Helena AVA fruit.</p>
<i>Other Hunnicutt</i>	HUNNICUTT 2016 Zinfandel, Luvisi Vineyard
<i>Wines</i>	HUNNICUTT 2016 Cabernet Sauvignon, Napa Valley