



2014 CABERNET SAUVIGNON

9-3-5

<i>Release Date</i>	September 3 rd , 2017
<i>Production</i>	6 Barrels
<i>Appellation</i>	Cabernet Sauvignon: St. Helena AVA – Lewelling & Stice Lane Merlot: Coombsville AVA - Farella
<i>Varietal Composition</i>	88% Cabernet Sauvignon & 12% Merlot
<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>As years go, 2005 was a pretty big one for us, as Seana and I got married on Saturday, September 3rd of that year. A few weeks later, examining the fruit during harvest, it became clear that we had some great quality coming in and the potential to craft something special. When our three Cabernet Sauvignon lots went down to barrel and came to exactly 9 barrels for one, 3 barrels for the second and 5 barrels for the third, the name 9-3-5 was born. Ever since, we have committed to produce a 9-3-5 only when we feel that the vineyards and vintage allow us to produce something exceptional.</p> <p>From the start of the 2014 harvest, we knew there would be no question of a 9-3-5 for this vintage as the quality was undeniable. In the glass, opulent notes of dried black cherry, blackberry reduction and cocoa dust rise and pair with underlying savory hints of smoked prosciutto, clove and pipe tobacco. Once tasted, this wine coats the palate with rich blackberry and dark cherry abundance, which is brought into a harmony by more subtle notes of fennel, clove and dark chocolate and dense yet smooth fine grain tannins.</p> <p>This wine is telling a story, the complex flavors and impressions on the entry, mid-palate and finish are all working together to communicate a unique and stirring totality. As with many classic tales, this wine will be all the greater after it has time to evolve and mature. We often provide suggested aging windows for our wines, this is no exception and to the extent that your patience allows, we hope you give this wine the time it deserves. Enjoy beginning in 2020 though feel free to age with confidence to 2030 and beyond.</p>
<i>Other Hunnicutt Wines</i>	HUNNICUTT 2015 Zinfandel, Luvisi Vineyard HUNNICUTT 2015 Cabernet Sauvignon, Napa Valley