



## **2015 CLARET**

A most intoxicating aroma of black cherry and ripe berry open with elegant complexity. On the palate, a lushness coats the entire palate with ripe delicious flavors and fine tannins that finish long, again with perfectly balanced natural mountain fruit acidity.

Our flagship wine is full and rich and utterly even across the palate. The Claret, Napa-Style, is made of the best we have – a classic Left Bank Bordeaux-style blend of 80% Cabernet Sauvignon, 17% Merlot and 3% Petit Verdot.

The mountain vineyards (Howell Mountain, Mount Veeder) share a common denominator in structure – big firm shoulders, masculine tannins, but individual characteristics. Howell Mountain, at 2000ft, on the east side of Napa Valley, has extreme exposure, larger temperature swings, and volcanic soil, creating very firm tannins. Mount Veeder has geologically churned volcanic and ocean-floor soil and the vineyard is nestled in a dense wild forest, which contributes exotic aromatics of menthol and spice in a slightly more refined interplay. Calistoga vineyards are hotter and earlier to ripen, which provide the mid-palate lushness of glycerin and a higher alcohol.

## **SPECIFICATIONS**

Wine: 2015 Claret

Appellation: Napa Valley

Vineyard: Valley Floor and Mountain AVAs

Varieties: 80% Cabernet Sauvignon, 17% Merlot, 3% Petit Verdot

Harvest: Hand picked October 2015

Vinification: Ten-day fermentation, French Oak barrels

Alcohol: 15.5% Bottled: May 2017 Production: 660 cases Winemaker: Bob Foley