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2015 CABERNET SAUVIGNON NAPA VALLEY

Vintage

2015 was one of the earliest harvests on record in Napa Valley; a dry, warm winter with only 75% of normal precipitation resulted in small grape clusters with highly concentrated flavors. Bud break was early, and there was an uneven fruit set due to a long flowering period; this led to a lighter crop. A surge in hot temperatures in the final weeks of harvest brought the last of the crop in quickly. Overall, the 2015 vintage was early and light, with wines showing richness and deep flavor.

Vineyards

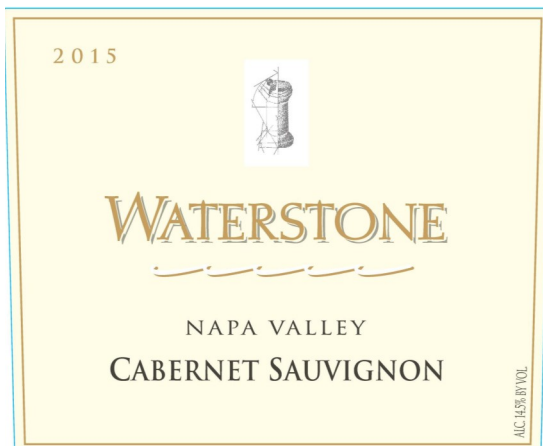
Well-established hillside vineyards are the foundation of this wine, giving the finished blend its intense inner core of fruit. The complexity and balance of this vintage was achieved through diverse sourcing, from Rutherford, Carneros, and Oakville.

Vinification

Following destemming, the hand-picked grapes were stainless steel-fermented and received extended skin contact before being transferred to barrels. The wine was aged in small French oak barrels for 24 months (30% new barrels) where the wine completed malolactic fermentation. The wine was racked prior to bottling.

Tasting Notes

Black cherry and cassis, sweet pastry, anise, violet, and notes of crushed rock on the nose. Mouth-coating, fine dusty tannins with flavors of blackberries and mineral notes on the finish.



Technical Data:

Varietal Composition	90% Cabernet Sauvignon 9% Cabernet Franc 1% Merlot
Appellation	Napa Valley
Alcohol	14.6%
TA	0.60g/100ml
pH	3.65
Oak Aging	24 months
Oak Cooperage	French oak, 30% new
Bottling Dates	February 22, 2018
Production	1721 cases