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2015 CABERNET SAUVIGNON NAPA VALLEY RESERVE

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

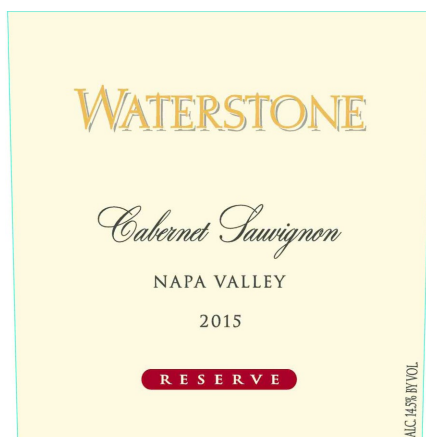
Well-established, low-yielding, hillside vineyards are the foundation of this wine, giving the finished blend its intense inner core of fruit.

Vinification

The grapes were hand picked at optimum ripeness. Following destemming, the 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 (67% new barrels) where the wine completed malolactic fermentation. The wine was racked prior to bottling.

Tasting Notes

Deep purple-garnet. Aromas of cedar, blackberries, graphite, baking spices, and anise. Full-bodied with plush, polished tannins, cassis and mineral notes on the finish.



Technical Data:

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| Varietal Composition | 90% Cabernet Sauvignon 6% Cabernet Franc 3% Malbec 1% Petit Verdot |
| Appellation | Napa Valley |
| Alcohol | 14.6% |
| TA | 0.65g/100ml |
| pH | 3.58 |
| Oak Aging | 24 months |
| Oak Cooperage | French oak, 67% new |
| Bottling Date | February 22, 2018 |
| Production | 722 cases (6/750ml) |