

WATERSTONE

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2015 IN STUDIO RED, 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

Multiple vineyards throughout Napa Valley were employed with this second release of In Studio Red. The complexity and balance of this vintage were achieved through diverse sourcing, and this marriage of varietals creates an intriguing red offering.

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 where the wine completed malolactic fermentation. The wine was racked prior to bottling.

Tasting Notes

Ripe black cherry, cedar, dark chocolate, and baking spices on the nose. Medium bodied with a ripe juicy core of red and black berries, and a hint of orange zest on the finish.



Technical Data:

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| Varietal Composition | 48% Cabernet Sauvignon 23% Cabernet Franc 20% Merlot 5% Petit Verdot 4% Syrah |
| Appellation | Napa Valley |
| Alcohol | 14.9% |
| TA | 0.62g/100ml |
| pH | 3.69 |
| Oak Aging | 24 months |
| Oak Cooperage | French oak |
| Bottling Dates | June 21, 2018 |
| Production | 2130 cases |