

RICKSHAW

2015 CABERNET SAUVIGNON



We like to take a pretty minimal approach to our winemaking. Tap into some great sources and make varietally true and focused wines. However, the one part where we get to really flex some skills is during the blending process. Sometimes we weave together as many as two dozen different lots selected for cooperage, oak age, vineyards, and vineyard blocks. In the case of our Cabernet Sauvignon, we even have the option of using small pieces of other Bordeaux varietals to make it just so.

The 2015 vintage was a blessing and a curse. Yields ended up being painfully low in many places in Northern California after three relatively big vintages in row. The vines sought to recover by producing less fruit, and the drought was once again a factor. On the flip side, the small amount of fruit that was produced by the vines tended to be extraordinary. The vintage is exceptionally concentrated and possesses extra levels of complexity. The quality is perhaps the best we've seen this decade.

2015 RICKSHAW Cabernet is a compelling wine from the get-go with a potpourri of aromas including macerated cherries, violets, bay and cocoa. It's followed by flavors of black cherry, framboise, chocolate covered espresso bean, and plum. The wine carries through with excellent length and a certain refreshment that invites the next sip.

We used our toolkit of Bordeaux blending varieties to give this wine an extra sense of class and presence on the palate. Each component gently framing and lifting the Cabernet Sauvignon.

TECHNICAL DETAILS

VARIETIES	92% Cabernet Sauvignon, 3% Merlot, 3% Cabernet Franc & 2% Malbec
VINEYARDS	Napa Valley, Sonoma County & Paso Robles
VINIFICATION	Fermented in stainless steel
AGING	Barrel aged in neutral (75%) and new (25%) French oak
UPC	853868006109
ALCOHOL	14.7%

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