



2015 AIDA ESTATE CABERNET SAUVIGNON



Harvest Dates: September 7 – September 10, 2015

Barrel Age: 19 months, 75% new French Oak

Cooperage: Taransaud, Demptos, Ermitage, Baron, Saury

Bottling Date: June 12, 2017

Alcohol: 14.9%

Release Date: Spring 2018

Cases Produced: 675

Retail Price: \$265 ~ 750ml

THE VINEYARD Our Aida Estate Vineyard has confirmed our initial belief that this site would be the ideal location for growing Bordeaux varietals. Just north of the pinch in the hourglass of the Napa Valley, the Cabernet Sauvignon grapes from our Aida Estate provide the bold, structured backbone for this immensely enjoyable wine.

THE VINTAGE Like the previous season, 2015 was a year of drought and water scarcity. A milder winter, with few days below freezing, led to another early bud break. The mild temperatures continued into the summer and finally ramped up towards the end of the season. In a year with such a sporadic growing season, irrigation practices were crucial. We harvested our lowest yielding crop in a decade, but the wines have phenomenal acidity and structure. While the valley experienced more growing challenges than in previous years, the wines are showing amazing complexity and have long aging potential.

THE WINE The depth of the 2015 Aida Estate Cabernet Sauvignon is flush with concentrated black cherries, violets, cassis, and cocoa. Slate minerality and scorched earth, along with wafts of tapenade, lend weight to this full-bodied wine. Cedar and black pepper, paired with good acidity and freshness, help round out this tautly built Cabernet. This upper valley cabernet will offer a spectacular glass of wine for the next twenty plus years.

AN UPDATE We were delighted to learn how elegantly the 2015 Aida Estate Cabernet is aging. Beautifully fresh and bright in color, this wine opens with aromas of dark red fruits, violets and cocoa. On the palate, cassis, black pepper and Aida's signature scorched earth characters are layered with secondary notes of crushed stones, tapenade and black tea. Once firm tannins hold their structure but have rounded out seamlessly and provide a rich, plush mouthfeel. The culmination of these flavors and textures unite for a gorgeous finale and endless finish. Pleasurable to drink immediately or cellar for years to come.