

2015 MERLOT



Tasting Notes: A powerful and rich Merlot that illustrates the full potential of the Ehlers terroir. A complex presentation of black raspberries, red currants, European black liccorice, and cherry cola. The tannins are at once fine and chewy, and the bold, juicy structure of this wine is what has always made the Ehlers Merlot "a Merlot for Cabernet drinkers."

Vintage: 2015 was another great vintage in the Napa Valley. Another drought year that started out unseasonably warm, prompting the vines to get started historically early. The weather was beautifully sunny and mild all summer long, and most of us finished picking our vineyards weeks ahead of any vintage in memory. The crop was small and concentrated, the resulting wines are intense, concentrated, and complex.

Varietal: 82% Cabernet Sauvignon • 10% Cabernet Franc • 8% Merlot

Harvest: September 8 - 23, 2015

Wine Analysis: 14.2 % alcohol • 3.59 pH

Appellation: St. Helena, Napa Valley

Bottling Date: August 16, 2017

Cases Produced: 2,497 cases