



2015 OUT OF SIGHT WINEMAKER NOTES

Planted on an oak-laden hillside between the Napa Valley AVAs of Oak Knoll and Coombsville, our Out of Sight Vineyard off the Silverado Trail is easily missed, hence its name. When we purchased the property in the late 1980s, the site's gravelly soils and northwest exposure signaled great potential, but the tangled head-pruned vines also suggested years of neglect. After completely re-developing the property, however, our organically-farmed Out of Sight vineyard is today one of our most treasured fruit sources. The 2015 offers inviting flavors of blueberry, blackberry and raspberry compote layered with cedar, tobacco leaf and hints of black tea. The wine shows tanned leather and meaty qualities that are almost Syrah-like, but the dark core of deep fruit flavor keeps it firmly in the Cabernet camp. Full-bodied with firm tannins and a brawny structure, this Cab will benefit from several years of cellaring; if enjoying in the near term we recommend decanting the wine several hours in advance of drinking.

ALL THE FACTS

Appellation: *Napa Valley*

Varietal: *100% Cabernet Sauvignon*

Cases Produced: *391*

Aging: *18 months, French (80%) and American oak barrels (20%), (42% new)*

Suggested Retail Price: *\$125*

Enjoyability: *Drink now or cellar. Pull the cork until 2035 for optimum enjoyment.*

ON THE VINE

The 2015 vintage in Napa Valley will be remembered for high quality but low yields. The growing season began with warm temperatures in late winter and early spring resulting in an early bud break. In May, colder temperatures during bloom caused fruit set to be uneven, yielding a much smaller crop compared to earlier vintages. Winemakers and vineyard managers worked closely together as the season progressed to ensure grapes ripened uniformly. The harvest, which was in full swing by mid-August, was one of the earliest on record in Napa Valley, and most vintners completed picking by mid-October. Although the continuing drought was a concern around California, Napa Valley received 75% of its annual rainfall average in 2015 making it less worrisome for vintners.