

NAPA VALLEY

Raymond

I ½ ACRE

## NAPA VALLEY RED WINE 2015



### TECHNICAL NOTES

**Appellation:** Napa Valley

**Varietal:** 73% Cabernet Sauvignon, 14% Malbec, 7% Cabernet Franc, 3% Petit Verdot, 3% Merlot

**Alcohol:** 15%

**pH:** 3.71

**TA:** 5.7 g/L

**Aging:** 20 months in 100% French Oak, 47% new French oak

**Production:** 155 cases

### IN THE VINEYARD

2015 was our third harvest of our meter by meter planting at Raymond Vineyards. Our estate is planted to all five varietals of a classic Bordeaux blend and designed to be the truest expression of terroir from our certified organic and Biodynamic® vineyard. Harvested on October 9, a fruit day in accordance with the Biodynamic calendar, the grapes were in their optimal state for the wine to realize its full potential.

### ABOUT THE VINTAGE

The unseasonably warm temperatures in the early growing season in the Napa Valley in 2015 resulted in early bud break and bloom. Colder temperatures later in the season caused uneven fruit set and resulted in a smaller crop than previous average yields. Winemakers and vineyard crews worked diligently to pick and sort the best berries. While drought was still a concern for most of California, Napa Valley received 75% of normal rainfall for the year.

### CONVERSATIONS WITH THE WINEMAKER

This vintage contains all five planted varieties; Cabernet Sauvignon, Malbec, Cabernet Franc, Petit Verdot and Merlot. The organic grapes were co-fermented together and underwent an extended maceration for 32 days before aging in 47% new French oak barrels for 20 months.

### WINE PROFILE

The grapes in this blend were grown Biodynamically and organically to create a truly harmonious expression of our estate. The I ½ Acre opens with purple fruit aromas of boysenberry and huckleberry accented by cassis and black licorice with vanillin notes. Sarsaparilla vanilla continues through to the palate in this rich and dense wine with velvety tannins. The finish is long and juicy.