

NAPA VALLEY

Raymond

## 2015 District Collection Coombsville Cabernet Sauvignon



### TECHNICAL NOTES

**Appellation:** Coombsville, Napa Valley

**Varietal:** 100% Cabernet Sauvignon

**Alcohol:** 15%

**pH:** 3.63

**TA:** 6.1 g/L

**Ageing:** 20 months in French oak,  
49% new French oak

### IN THE VINEYARD

The grapes for this 2015 release from Coombsville are from two vineyards located in the middle of the appellation's bowl-shaped valley. The fog tends to burn off later in the morning and settle faster than the rest of the valley. This creates cooler temperatures that lead to late ripening fruit which is some of the last to arrive in the winery and is widely recognized for its excellent texture and flavors.

### 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 water year.

### CONVERSATIONS WITH THE WINEMAKER

After harvesting on September 26<sup>th</sup>, the grapes were fermented on the skins for 18 days. After fermentation, the wine was gently pressed, racked and aged for 20 months in French oak barrels, 49% new French oak. Tightly grained French oak barrels slowly impart their rich flavors on wines for a consistent, well-rounded aging process while yielding subtle oak influences to the Cabernet Sauvignon. The result is a balanced wine that is a true expression of the varietal and its terroir.

### WINE PROFILE

Lively aromas of plum and black currant bounce out of the glass of our 2015 Coombsville Cabernet Sauvignon. This wine features a plush, rounded mouthfeel bursting with dark fruit flavors and hints of black tea and ginger spice. Nice round tannins and a supple entry round out this Cabernet Sauvignon with its long, lingering finish.