

NAPA VALLEY

Raymond

## 2015 District Collection Oak Knoll Cabernet Sauvignon



### TECHNICAL NOTES

**Appellation:** Oak Knoll, Napa Valley

**Varietal:** 100% Cabernet Sauvignon

**Alcohol:** 15%

**pH:** 3.58

**TA:** 7.0 g/L

**Ageing:** 19 months in French oak,  
32% new French oak

### IN THE VINEYARD

The grapes for the Oak Knoll Cabernet Sauvignon are sourced from a single vineyard in the middle of the valley floor. The soils are based on the Dry Creek Alluvial fan over a rocky sub-surface layer, creating very deep and well-drained soils. The grapes are clone 29 which is a heritage clone that dates back to the late 1880's.

### 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

The grapes were fermented on the skins for 36 days with extended maceration. A mixture of native and inoculated fermentations, the wine was gently pressed, racked and aged for 19 months in 32% new French Oak barrels primarily from Leroi and Demptos coopers. Tightly grained French oak barrels impart their oak to wines slowly for a consistent, well-rounded aging process while yielding subtle oak influences to the Cabernet Sauvignon.

### WINE PROFILE

Our 2015 Oak Knoll Cabernet Sauvignon offers enticing aromas of black cherry and plum layered with earthy undertones. The palate is bursting with flavors of cherry cola, blackberry and a hint of vanilla. A round, full mouthfeel complimented by finely grained tannins leads to a long and bright finish.