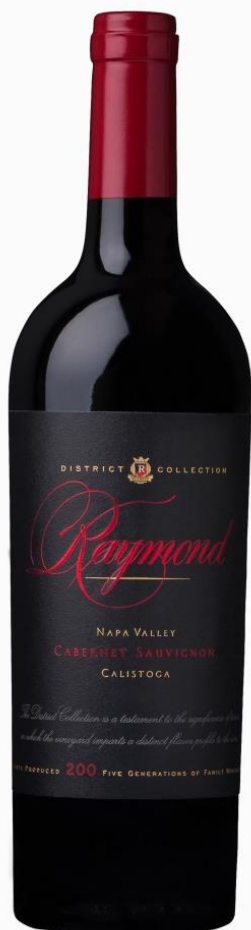


NAPA VALLEY

Raymond

2015 District Collection Yountville Cabernet Sauvignon



TECHNICAL NOTES

Appellation: Yountville, Napa Valley

Varietal: 100% Cabernet Sauvignon

Alcohol: 15.5%

pH: 3.68

TA: 6.0 g/L

Ageing: 20 months in French oak,
64% new French oak

IN THE VINEYARD

Harvested from a single vineyard on State Lane in the warmer northern reaches of Yountville, considered the “prime spot”, this 100% Cabernet Sauvignon benefited from the AVA’s rocky, well-drained soils and a long growing season that allowed the fruit time to develop unique flavor characteristics and truly demonstrate the region’s terroir.

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

All clone 169, the grapes were fermented on the skins for 46 days with an extended maceration. After fermentation, the wine was gently pressed, racked and aged for 20 months in Demptos, and Seguin Moreau French oak barrels, 64% new French oak. Tightly grained, French oak barrels from forests in the center of France impart their oak on wines slowly for a consistent, well-rounded aging process while yielding subtle oak influences to the Cabernet Sauvignon.

WINE PROFILE

The 2015 Yountville Cabernet Sauvignon is a beautiful, deep garnet-purple color in the glass and opens with boasting aromas of baked berries, mulberries and a hint of black forest cake. On the palate, this full-bodied wine features flavors of blackberries, licorice, spice and a hint of dusty earth. A spicy, bold mouthfeel leads way to a long, sturdy finish making this wine enjoyable now but with great cellaring