



## 2015 District Collection Diamond Mountain Cabernet Sauvignon



### TECHNICAL NOTES

**APPELLATION:** Diamond Mountain District, Napa Valley

**VARIETAL:** 100% Cabernet Sauvignon

**ALCOHOL:** 15%

**PH:** 3.63

**TA:** 6.47 g/L

**AGEING:** 20 months in 55% new French Oak

### IN THE VINEYARD

Our Diamond Mountain District Cabernet Sauvignon is harvested from southern facing slopes just north of Diamond Mountain Road. Our Cabernet Sauvignon grapes benefit from the well-draining volcanic soils and direct sunlight, resulting in grapes with brighter acidity and full-bodied, well-structured tannins.

### 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, the grapes were fermented on the skins for 29 days. After a native fermentation and extended maceration, the wine was gently pressed, raked and aged for 20 months in a mix of French oak barrels, 55% 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

Our 2015 Diamond Mountain District Cabernet Sauvignon opens with aromas of black pepper, violets and a touch of cola. This is a full-bodied wine concentrated flavors of ripe black fruits, notes of cherry and sweet oak. Powerful and graceful, this wine is a wonderful representation of the Diamond Mountain AVA. Integrated and soft tannins are followed by a lingering finish.