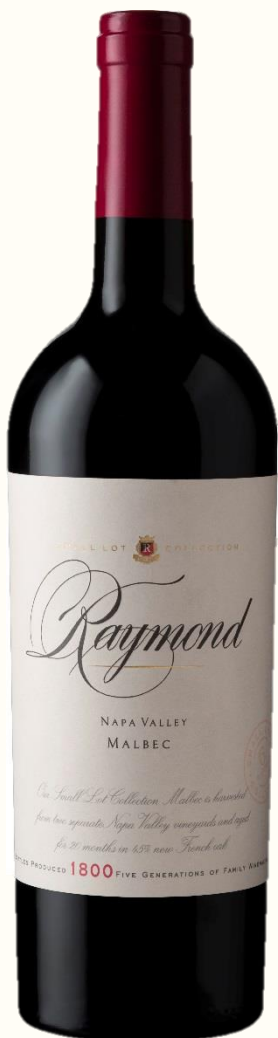


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Raymond

2015 Small Lot Collection Napa Valley Malbec



TECHNICAL NOTES

Appellation: Napa Valley

Varietal: 98% Malbec, 2% Petite Sirah

Alcohol: 15%

pH: 3.70

TA: 6.3 g/L

Aging: Aged for 19 months in French oak,
15% new French oak

Case Production: 147 cases

IN THE VINEYARD

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. Harvest began as early as July 22, one of the earliest harvests recorded and concluded by mid-October. 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

Our Small Lot Collection Malbec grapes come from our Rutherford Estate that is farmed organically and biodynamically and a vineyard located in northern Napa Valley. After an extended maceration, fermentation took place for 32 days on the skins in small stainless-steel tanks. This Malbec is 100% barrel-aged for 19 months in Leroi and Orion French oak barrels, 15% new.

WINE PROFILE

This 2015 Small Lot Malbec opens with bright fruit aromas of plum and pomegranate with notes of bergamot. This dense and juicy wine showcases flavors of mulberry, coriander and a touch of oak accented by delicate floral notes. Mouth-filling and structured, this wine has a long and enjoyable finish.