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Vineyards

2015 KNIGHTS VALLEY CABERNET SAUVIGNON

“You have to go wholeheartedly into anything in order to achieve anything worth having.” Frank Lloyd Wright captures the all-in spirit of Linked Vineyards! Every year they dive in with energy and excitement for a new vintage, and every year they learn more about the vineyard, about farming, about the wine. This year, the vineyard taught Drew a little lesson about hillside farming and gravity, when on the first spray of the season he rolled his equipment! Insert many swear words at high volume here. Modified plans and help from friends (part of those ever important “links” that make Linked Vineyards special) put the farming back on track.



The season started warm, quickly bringing vines out of dormancy, and then just as quickly got cool and wet during flowering. This set the stage for a low yielding vintage. Small berries and loose clusters developed through a mild summer and alternately hot and cool fall, which led to intensely concentrated flavors and a full-bodied wine. The 2015 Linked Vineyards Cabernet Sauvignon has a mineral richness and depth of complexity consistent with previous vintages. This wine shows raw power in the glass. Dark cassis, ripe plum and black cherry fruit are welded to tobacco and cola, and it ripples with muscular tannins. It has an exceptionally long finish and has been proclaimed “dangerously drinkable!”

Wine

Winemaker: Luc Morlet
Harvested: October 9th by hand in small lugs at 25.8° brix
Composition: 100% Estate Cabernet Sauvignon
Fermentation: Native yeast in small tanks and puncheons
Aged: 16 months in French oak from artisan coopers
Bottled: May 23rd, 2017, Unfiltered and Unfined
Alcohol: 15.2%
Production: 126 cases

Vineyard

Planted: 2000, Clone 337 on 110R Rootstock
Elevation: 1,050-1,250 feet, Western Facing Exposure, 30-50% Slopes
Soil: Rocky Volcanic, Rhyolitic, Laniger Loam
Appellation: Knights Valley, Sonoma County

