



2015 HL Cabernet Sauvignon

Winemaking Notes:

The 2015 Cabernet Sauvignon vintage in Napa Valley was exceptional, with the freshness of fruit of the 2014 and structure of the 2013 and concentrated fruit from the extended drought. But the smaller clusters from cooler weather at set resulted in highly intensified flavors which gave the wine more structure.

Winemaker Michael Trujillo calls it “one of the most concentrated, opulent and expressive vintages we have ever produced.” This wine radiates with the typical characters of our terroir; sweet red and blue fruits in the nose, and on the pallet licorice and crushed herbs, cassis, red currents, dried cherry, Bakers chocolate, blueberries and black raspberries, with exceptional depth and structure.

The 2015 HL Cabernet Sauvignon is big, bold, fruit forward and expressive and is one of the most masculine wines we have ever seen from the vineyard. It is layered and focused. A jewel of a wine to set aside for a few years.

Vintage Notes:

The 2014 fall and 2015 winter extended the drought to a third year with only 1/3 of the normal rainfall. With virtually no rain and warmer temperatures in January and March, we experienced an unusually warm, frost-free spring and the warmer soil temperatures caused the vines to bud out early and strong. But cooler weather in May during bloom caused uneven fruit set, which, along with the prolonged drought, led to a drastically decreased crop levels with reduced yields by 30-50% throughout the valley. Summer was dry and hot with 20 days over 100 degrees, speeding up ripening to give us one of our earliest harvests with reduced yields and smaller, concentrated berries.

Technical Data:

Alcohol: 14.4

Barrels: 80% new French oak

Appellation: Napa Valley

Case production: 270

Vineyard: Herb Lamb Vineyard

Suggested Retail Price: \$150