



2015 CADE RESERVE CABERNET SAUVIGNON, HOWELL MOUNTAIN, NAPA VALLEY

PRODUCTION: 56 barrels
VARIETALS: 94% Cabernet Sauvignon, 6% Petit Verdot
ALCOHOL: 15.6%

CADE RESERVE VINEYARD NOTES

The CADE Estate is situated on a 54 acre property with 21 acres planted to vines with an ideal southwest facing exposure. Located in the heart of Howell Mountain, the CADE Estate Reserve vineyard sits at elevations ranging from 1,500 to 1,850 feet and is planted to 19 acres of Cabernet Sauvignon and 1 acre of Malbec and 1 acre of Petit Verdot. The 2015 vintage was a drought year, resulting in low yields, warm temperatures, and our earliest end to harvest on record.

FERMENTATION

The juice was fermented in a combination of stainless steel tanks 95%, and 500L new French oak puncheons 5%. Fermentation was hot and fast with temperatures reaching a maximum of 90°F and the juice macerating on the skins/seeds for 7-9 days.

ELEVAGE

The wine was aged for 20 months in 100% New French Oak barrels. Only free run wine was used in the blend, no press fractions were selected. Racking occurred immediately after the completion of malolactic fermentation, then on a quarterly basis until bottling.

COOPERAGE

Darnajou, Sylvain, Orion, Ermitage, Nadalie, and Dargaud et Jaegle.

BOTTLING

Bottled on July 19th, 2017

OUR THOUGHTS

The wine has aromas of cherry, strawberry jam, raspberry coulis, vanilla, cedar, cassis, coffee, chocolate, and a touch of mint. In the palate the wine has a velvety rich mouthfeel with rounded yet robust tannins and structure. There are flavors of toasted pecans, baking spices, blueberry pie, chocolate covered strawberries, anise, graham cracker, and tarragon. This wine is a blend of the best of the vintage and the best Cabernet Sauvignon and Petit Verdot from our Estate.



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POINTS

