

2015

CABERNET SAUVIGNON

DRY CREEK VALLEY - BLUE DOG VINEYARDS


ADOBE ROAD
WINERY
SMALL LOT *Handcrafted* WINES

TASTING NOTES

Aromas of blueberries and dark chocolate covered cherries lead to a creamy mouthfeel with complex flavors of ripe blackberries, mocha, and super-dark chocolate. Medium-level smooth tannins balance the richness and add a detail of savory cacao nib.

WINEMAKER'S NOTES

Dry Creek Valley is most famous for its Zinfandels, but it is incredible Cabernet country too. With a small crop and hot weather the picking window needed to be precise to capture the balance of freshness and ripeness. Grapes were harvested early in the cold of the morning, transported to the winery and sorted to ensure only the best berries made it into the tank. A warm fermentation with ample oxygen and pumping over extracted beautiful color, flavor, and aroma compounds from the skins. The wine was barrel aged in new French oak to enhance varietal aromas and flavors.

THE VINTAGE

2015 was a bit of a departure from the previous three years. California was in its fourth consecutive year of drought and the vineyards reflected those increasingly stressful conditions. The vines woke up early and struggled to produce a smaller crop. Making matters more challenging, cold weather during flowering caused an uneven fruit set. All of this followed by a few early heat spikes made for challenging conditions. However, the vintage rewarded those who rolled with mother nature and used a combination of common sense and the best technology available to produce superior wines.

INFO

VARIETAL COMPOSITION

100 percent cabernet sauvignon

APPELLATION

Dry Creek Valley

VINEYARD(S)

Blue Dog Vineyards

BARREL COMPOSITION

100 percent new French oak

BARREL AGING

30 months

ALCOHOL

15%

WINEMAKER

Garrett Martin

CASES

98

