

2015 SONOMA VALLEY CABERNET SAUVIGNON 'HERITAGE RESERVE'

Winery Retail: \$66

Release Date: April 1st, 2020

Alcohol: 14.0% by volume

Acidity: TA=0.67g/100mL; pH=3.44

Harvest Dates: Sep. 15 - Oct. 2, 2015

Brix at Harvest: 24.6 degrees

Vineyards: 79% Cabernet Sauvignon: Rancho Salina, Magnolia Farms, Atwood Ranch
12% Cabernet Franc: Rancho Salina
8% Malbec: Rancho Salina
1% Petit Verdot: Pickberry

Fermentation: Up to 12 days in stainless steel rotary and punch down fermenters

Aging/ Cooperage: Aged 24 months in 33% new French oak barrels


Production: 353 cases (12x750mL); 8 cases (6x1.5L); 8x3L; 4x6L

From 1973 to 1982, Walter Schug crafted some of California's most memorable Cabernet Sauvignons and Bordeaux-style blends as the founding winemaker for Joseph Phelps Vineyards. In this legacy we craft our Heritage Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon to exhibit the same finesse, intensity and ability to age that have made his earlier wines valuable collector's wines. Well-structured Cabernet Sauvignon, Cabernet Franc, and Malbec fruit is sourced from Rancho Salina, a volcanic soil vineyard high above the Sonoma Valley in the southern end of the Mayacamas Mountains. It is blended with Petit Verdot from Pickberry Vineyard on Sonoma Mountain's northern flanks to give it a long juicy and savory finish. It shows dense color and structure, bright aromas of violets and blueberries, and ripe fruit flavors reminiscent of cherries, chocolate and cassis. Well-integrated tannins, oak and acidity give it a rich texture and a long, elegant finish. It can be enjoyed on release paired with rich meats and cheeses, yet will reward cellaring for a decade or more.



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