

2015 CLOS DU VAL HIRONDELLE ESTATE CABERNET SAUVIGNON

Review Summary



93–96 pts "The 2015 Cabernet Sauvignon Hirondelle Estate Vineyard hits the palate with serious intensity, power and depth. Once again, the Hirondelle is seamless and sumptuous in style, but like the best 2015s, it also retains superb freshness throughout. Crème de cassis, mint, graphite, lavender and cloves meld into the richly textured finish. There is so much potential here."

Antonio Galloni, Vinous December 2016

93–95 pts "Not yet bottled, the 2015 Cabernet Sauvignon Hirondelle Estate Vineyard looks to be fabulous. Blueberries, lead pencil shavings, exotic flowers and a hint of toasty oak all emerge from this full-bodied, fresh, focused 2015 that fills the mouth with fruit, yet is never heavy or cumbersome. Made from 100% Cabernet and raised all in new oak, it has serious potential and should last for two decades."

Jeb Dunnuck, JebDunnuck.com December 29, 2017

93–95 pts "Deep garnet-purple colored, the 2015 Cabernet Sauvignon Hirondelle Estate (a barrel sample) has wonderfully pure crushed black currants and blackberries notes with suggestions of sandalwood, cigar box, allspice and cloves plus a touch of dusty earth. Full-bodied, rich, plush and compelling in its up-front generosity, it has a firm backbone of ripe, fine-grained tannins and seamless freshness, finishing on a spicy note."

Lisa Perrotti-Brown, Robert Parker's Wine Advocate
October 2017

90–93 pts "The 2015 Cabernet Sauvignon Hirondelle Estate is probably one of the best wines to emerge from this property in the last 40 years. Again, it is somewhat Bordeaux-like, but showcases the purity and ripe fruit of Napa more than most Clos Du Val wines have done. Deep ruby/purple with sweet crème de cassis and blue fruits, the wine has a touch of graphite, background oak, loamy soil undertones and a medium-bodied, long finish. This should drink beautifully for 10-15 years."

Robert M. Parker, Jr., Robert Parker's Wine Advocate
December 2016