

# 2015 CLOS DU VAL

## ESTATE CABERNET SAUVIGNON



**WINEMAKER:**

Ted Henry

**REGION:**

Napa Valley

**VARIETALS:**

Cabernet Sauvignon (80%), Merlot (12%), Cabernet Franc (8%)

**MATURATION:**

18 months in French oak barriques (66% new)

**ANALYSIS:**

14.7% alc/vol | TA: 6.4 g/L | pH: 3.7

**VINTAGE NOTES:** The 2015 season proved to be warm (or even just plain hot), meaning that harvest started and ended early. A major hurdle in Napa Valley was the series of rains in the early part of the season that washed off the pollen on the flowering grapes. This is called shatter and essentially means many of the grapes on each cluster never turned to fruit. The low yield ended up concentrating the flavors on the grapes that were brought in to the winery and resulted in some of the most concentrated wines the winery has seen in a long time. The fruit for this wine was hand-picked August 26 - September 22.

**TASTING NOTES:** The 2015 Estate Cabernet Sauvignon is brimming with classic characteristics of cassis, bramble fruit and blueberry. The hints of butterscotch on the long, smooth finish are a giveaway of the new, carefully selected French oak barrel influence.

**CRITICAL ACCLIAM:** 92 pts JamesSuckling.com, 91 pts Vinous, 90 pts Robert Parker Wine Advocate

**ABOUT CLOS DU VAL:** Clos Du Val, French for “small vineyard estate of a small valley,” was founded in 1972 in the renowned Stags Leap District. The winery was first recognized for its Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon at the famed Judgment of Paris in 1976, establishing its place as one of Napa Valley’s most iconic winery estates. Still family-owned today, Clos Du Val farms 350 acres of estate vineyards in Napa Valley’s Stags Leap District, Carneros and Yountville sub-appellations. The winery also continues to craft wines of balance and complexity, showcasing the fruit from the outstanding terroir on which the estate lies.

