

2015 NAPA VALLEY SYRAH

This Syrah pops out of the glass with generous aromas of wild blueberry mixed with a touch of mineral or wet stone, flowing into notes of forest floor, wet fir tree and truffle. On the palate there are dark, smoky, complex notes of mushroom and concentrated black fruits. The palate is layered and rich. Age until at least 2025.

HARVEST & WINEMAKING

Harvest 2015 was one of our earliest years on record. The persistent California drought and a cool spring during bloom led to low yields in the vineyard and an early bud break. Careful irrigation and canopy management were key and allowed our growers to maximize quality and create beautifully ripe and balanced fruit. The wines resulting from the 2015 vintage are some of our favorite to date.

GRAPES:

The Syrah grapes come from the Stagecoach Vineyard, a very rocky vineyard on Atlas Peak. The French clone 877 Syrah grapes are grown on a steep, southwestern facing, rocky slope and were 20+ years old at the time of vintage. The Cabernet Franc comes from Frediani Vineyard in Calistoga and the Viognier is blended as wine from grapes in the Spring Mountain area of Napa Valley. The Frediani Vineyard in Calistoga is nearly dry farmed and is managed by the same family that has been growing grapes in the area for 100 years.

WINE STATS

Cases produced:	306
Alcohol:	14.4%
TA:	6.2 g/L
pH:	3.75
Blend:	75% Syrah, 21% Cabernet Franc, 4% Viognier Verdot
Appellation:	Atlas Peak and Calistoga, Napa Valley
Oak:	25% New French Oak
Vineyard:	Stagecoach Vineyard & Frediani Vineyard
Price	\$40
Bottling Date:	June 2017