

2015 Estate Sangiovese
Rutherford | Napa Valley



Vineyard Notes:

This extraordinary wine started out as an experiment but has now become an institution. When we went to plant this vineyard in front of our winery we noticed that the soil held some truly unique properties, properties that we felt might be well suited for a Sangiovese. We chose clones 2 and 4 and waited....On our first tasting we knew we were right. The “Rutherford dust” had worked its magic on this Italian varietal.

What small amount isn’t snapped up by our wine club is made available only here and in our tasting room.

Vintage Notes:

The 2015 growing season started out with unseasonably warm temperatures resulting in an early bud break and bloom. Colder temperatures in May caused an uneven fruit set which ultimately resulted in much smaller crop compared to the 3 years previous.

The harvest was one of the earliest on record, beginning in mid-July, and concluding by mid-October. While ongoing drought was a concern to farmers around California, Napa Valley received 75% of normal rainfall for the water year, bringing far fewer water concerns.

Winemaker’s Notes:

Bright aromas of red fruit and tobacco fill the glass, with flavors of cherry and cranberry on the palate. Back notes of coffee, caramel and licorice round out a classic flavor profile. This 100 percent Sangiovese, with medium weight on the palate, exhibits its true red fruit characteristics as a Sangiovese grown in the Napa Valley.

Blend:	100% Sangiovese
Barrel Aging:	18 Months 100% French Oak
Appellation:	Rutherford
Production:	150 Cases
Alcohol:	14.8%