



# RED MARE WINES

## 2015 . Red Mare Wines . Napa Valley . Cabernet Sauvignon

This is an appetizing wine from start to finish. On the nose are aromas of berries, clove, and graphite along with a sappy freshness and savory notes. Generous and bright on the entry, the mid-palate is beautifully balanced and full of ripe red fruit. As the wine moves across the palate, the flavor story mirrors the nose with mouthwatering savory notes, ripe fruit and elegant warm oak characters woven throughout. At its full reach, notes of Darjeeling tea and ripe cherry dovetail to a pleasing tension, tapping the breaks to allow for enjoyment of the long finish before the inevitable next sip.

### 2015 Vintage Notes:

While 2015 was another dry year, late winter rains fully recharged the soil profile giving the vines an excellent push come spring. This balance between crop load and canopy allowed for dappled sunlight and encouraged the development of complex flavors. We would be even more grateful for the leaf cover during the sporadic but intense heat storms of September and October. Already expecting a smaller vintage after three years of drought, cool temperatures extended bloom from a usual average of 10 days to almost 40 days in some vineyards resulting in an even lighter crop load. This smaller crop brought us an early harvest with a wonderful concentration of flavor and lush mature tannins.

### Vineyard & Winemaking Notes:

We make our Cabernet Sauvignon by hand harvesting as early as we can to prevent excessive alcohol, and as late as we have to for ripe delicious flavors, always with an eye for balance and elegance. You will always find that bright fruit and lovely acidity inter-twined with silky tannins in Red Mare's Cabernet Sauvignon. We source our fruit from organic or highly sustainable vineyards. Once in the cellar, we use old-world methods, favoring technique over additives.

Production: 1,350 cases

TA: 6.06 g/L

pH: 3.78

Alc: 14.9%

100% French Oak

38% New Oak

Vineyard & Appellation Breakdown:

27% Alsace Vineyard ~ Rutherford

39% Round Ball Vineyard ~ Rutherford

27% Hestia Vineyard ~ Coombsville

5% Swickard Vineyard ~ Calistoga ~ Petite Sirah

1% Farella Vineyard ~ Coombsville ~ Malbec

1% Bennet Lane Vineyard ~ Calistoga ~ Petit Verdot