



2015 COLLINA DALLA VALLE NAPA VALLEY RED WINE

49% CABERNET SAUVIGNON, 51% CABERNET FRANC, HARVEST DATE: 11TH SEPTEMBER

OAK AGING: 22 MONTHS, 37% NEW OAK, 100% FRENCH OAK

With 2015 being the driest year on record in California, our estate vineyard showed its grit and tenacity, gliding through the summer with low-vigor canopies and a small, but balanced, crop load. By mid-season, we knew it was going to be an early harvest, and indeed it was; we were finished by the second week in September. Our skilled vineyard team was ready and worked diligently to carefully hand harvest and sort the fruit. Color and tannin extracted easily, and we quickly had some eye-opening wines in the barrel—dark, aromatic, fresh, but very limited in quantity. Due to the vintage's low yields, and a small replanting project at our estate, 7.5% of the grapes for the 2015 Collina Dalla Valle were sourced from Oakville Ranch.

All the wines from this vintage are impressive in their own right and the Collina Dalla Valle is no exception. A blend of Cabernet Franc and Cabernet Sauvignon, the wine exhibits an opaque, dark-purple color, and lively aromas of roasted coffee, licorice, kirsch, and upturned earth. It reveals all of the hallmark attributes of our estate: power, richness, typicity, and elegance. The wine has great depth and structure, and a long finish of serious, but burnished, tannins. Even as a "first introduction" to our Dalla Valle wines, it fires on all cylinders.

Collina Dalla Valle is crafted to be enjoyed immediately upon release, but this vintage will most definitely evolve over the years, and age comfortably for several decades to come.