

DALLA VALLE
Vineyards



2015 MAYA

71% CABERNET SAUVIGNON, 29% CABERNET FRANC,

HARVEST DATE: 5TH SEPTEMBER

OAK AGING: 22 MONTHS, 65% NEW OAK, 100% FRENCH

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. The crew was ready and worked diligently to carefully hand harvest and sort the fruit. Color and tannin extracted easily, and very quickly we had some eye-opening wines in the barrel—dark, aromatic, fresh, and very limited in quantity.

The 2015 Maya shows the great potential of the vintage. Its red-purple hue belies the wine's brightness and fresh aromatic quality, with tones of fresh-cut strawberry, cardamom, and flint. This blend of Cabernet Sauvignon and Cabernet Franc exhibits a combination of depth, richness, and laser-like focus, delivering a rush of red and black fruit flavors, along with notes of cured meats and salted black licorice. The texture is soft and silky, but at the same time powerful and incredibly lengthy. This vintage of Maya is accessible today, but will absolutely continue to develop, and will last decades in the bottle.