

## 2015 Napa Valley

# CABERNET SAUVIGNON

Cabernet Sauvignon was the first wine produced by Rombauer Vineyards when the winery was founded in 1980. This bottling is made exclusively with Napa Valley fruit from vineyards owned by the Rombauer family, along with carefully selected sites from some of the region's top growers.

### VINEYARDS

The fruit for this wine comes from vineyards in the Stags Leap District, Atlas Peak, Mount Veeder, St. Helena, Calistoga and Rutherford AVAs.

### WINEGROWING

2015 brought the earliest harvest in our 35-year history. Yields were down overall, but prolonged warm weather resulted in exceptional fruit quality and richly flavored wines. Sustainable farming practices throughout the growing season were tailored to each block with the assistance of aerial photos produced using NDVI (Normalized Difference Vegetation Index) technology. All fruit was hand-picked and sorted in the vineyards.

### WINEMAKING

The grapes were carefully destemmed and optically sorted to ensure only perfect fruit made it into the wine. A cold soak extracted

color and flavor, before a combination of tank and barrel fermentation was used to provide a richer, more textured palate. The wine was gently basket-pressed before being racked to French oak barrels for malolactic fermentation and aging.

### TASTING NOTES

This wine is vibrant dark purple with a fuchsia rim. The nose is expressive, with aromas of red fruit, cassis and toast. The wine is full-bodied, packed with flavors of boysenberry, raspberry and black cherry, along with notes of sweet tobacco, cedar and vanilla. Supple tannins carry through to a lingering finish.

### FOOD PAIRINGS

Our favorite *Joy of Cooking*® pairings\* for this wine include Grilled Steaks (Pgs. 471-472) with Mushroom Ragout (Pgs. 283-284) or Osso Buco (Pg. 489) with Risotto Milanese (Pgs. 360-361).



<b>RELEASE DATE</b>	October 2017	<b>HARVESTED</b>	Sept. 5-27, 2015
<b>APPELLATION</b>	Napa Valley	<b>AVERAGE BRIX AT HARVEST</b>	27.7
<b>VARIETAL COMPOSITION</b>	84% Cabernet Sauvignon, 10% Petit Verdot, 6% Cabernet Franc	<b>COOPERAGE</b>	16 months in 80% new French oak
		<b>ALCOHOL</b>	14.5%

\*Recipes for pairings with a noted page number can be found in the 75th anniversary edition of the *Joy of Cooking*. Recipes not appearing in the book can be found at [www.JoyofCooking.com](http://www.JoyofCooking.com).



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