



2015 Pritchard Hill Cabernet Sauvignon

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Wine Statistics

Harvested Sept. 15 – Oct. 5, 2015
25.5° – 27.5° Brix at Harvest
14.5% Alcohol
TA – 0.60g/100ml
pH – 3.81

Wine Blend

78% Cabernet Sauvignon
14% Petit Verdot
8% Malbec

The Wine

The most sought-after wine in our portfolio, this limited-production Cabernet Sauvignon represents the pinnacle of Chappellet winemaking and embodies the elegant power and complexity of Pritchard Hill winegrowing. Like the great Bordeaux wines that first inspired Donn Chappellet, this wine is crafted by blending Cabernet Sauvignon with other classic Bordeaux varietals. The wine was aged for 22 months in 100 percent new French oak. Grown on our rocky, mountainside vineyard, our Cabernets have consistently displayed an ability to age for several decades.

Growing Season & Harvest

While the 2015 growing season delivered grapes of exceptional quality, it was a vintage that was light on quantity. With another warm, dry spring, the growing season got off to a fast start. Cold weather during flowering resulted in a significant amount of shatter, resulting in light clusters. Knowing that yields would be down, we tailored our farming to ensure that we brought out the very best from the small crop. This included methods designed to create homogenous ripening, as well as techniques that limited canopy growth, while providing ideal dappled sunlight on the ripening fruit. A lovely temperate summer allowed the grapes to ripen slowly, while an unhurried harvest ensured that everything was picked at the perfect stage of development, with pristine grapes showing beautiful color, density and depth.

Tasting Notes

Pure, powerful and beautifully structured, this opulent wine captures the essence of great mountain-grown Cabernet Sauvignon. Concentrated aromas of blueberry and blackberry rise from the glass, followed by notes of espresso, anise and dark chocolate. The ripe dark berry elements are echoed on the lush palate, where they are underscored by mouthcoating tannins and hints of toasted oak, clove and nutmeg. The finish is rich and lingering, resonating with alluring layers of black cherry and spice.