

NAPA VALLEY

Raymond

## 2015 District Collection Oakville Cabernet Sauvignon



### TECHNICAL NOTES

**Appellation:** Oakville, Napa Valley

**Varietal:** 100% Cabernet Sauvignon

**Alcohol:** 15%

**pH:** 3.75

**TA:** 6.0 g/L

**Ageing:** 20 months in French oak,  
56% new French oak

### IN THE VINEYARD

The grapes for the Oakville Cabernet Sauvignon were sourced from a single vineyard at the corner of Oakville cross road. This knoll-top vineyard is home to young vines that are expertly maintained and densely planted meter by meter for sun exposure and grape ripening maturity. The soil of this vineyard is Perkins Gravelly Loam soil which features weathers volcanic rock and alluvial sediments that create iron rich soil.

### ABOUT THE VINTAGE

The unseasonably warm temperatures in the early growing season in the Napa Valley in 2015 resulted in early bud break and bloom. Colder temperatures later in the season caused uneven fruit set and resulted in a smaller crop than previous average yields. Winemakers and vineyard crews worked diligently to pick and sort the best berries. While drought was still a concern for most of California, Napa Valley received 75% of normal rainfall for the water year.

### CONVERSATIONS WITH THE WINEMAKER

A mix of clones 15 and 337, the grapes were fermented on the skins for an average of 50 days with pump overs twice daily. After native fermentation, the wine was gently pressed, racked and aged for 20 months in 56% new Taransaud and Baron French oak barrels. Tightly grained French oak barrels impart their oak to wines slowly for a consistent, well-rounded aging process while yielding subtle oak influences to the Cabernet Sauvignon.

### WINE PROFILE

A deep garnet-purple color in the glass, our 2015 Oakville Cabernet Sauvignon showcases aromas of intense plum preserves and exotic spice notes that leap from the glass. This full-bodied, rich yet decadent Cabernet features intense flavors of dark fruit, chocolate, eucalyptus and a hint of cedar. Grainy tannins lead to a lively and long, opulent finish.