

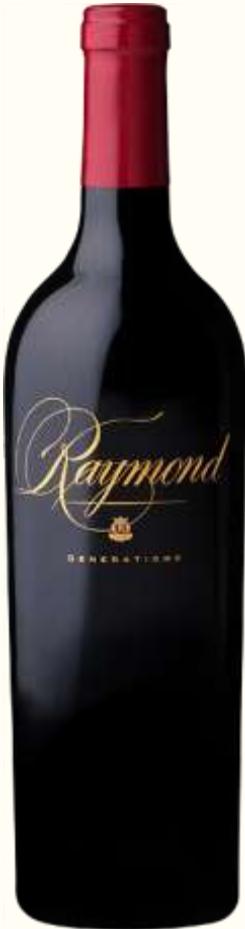
NAPA VALLEY



2015 Generations Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon

In the Vineyard

The grapes for the 2015 Generations Cabernet Sauvignon are grown in some of the best vineyards and appellations in the Napa Valley. The majority come from two vineyards on the west side of St. Helena known for sandy soils that produce berries with sweet, ripe tannins. The remaining grapes were grown from a meticulously farmed knoll-top vineyard at the corner of Oakville Cross Road and Silverado Trail as well as the Cafaro vineyard in Southeast Napa, right outside of Stags Leap. By blending grapes from these renowned appellations, we are able to make a wine that truly represents the best of Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon and honors our five generation history of making wine in the Napa Valley.



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. Harvest began as early as July 22nd, one of the earliest harvests recorded and concluded by mid-October. 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

Generations is a tribute to the Raymond family's five generations of winemaking in the Napa Valley. This limited production wine is 98% Cabernet Sauvignon and 2% Petit Verdot, giving our Cabernet extra backbone and structure, contributing to the ultimate expression of this varietal.

Grapes were fermented on the skins for 37-44 days to lend complexity and depth to the wine before being racked to new, tight-grained, medium and medium-plus toast French oak barrels for 19 months of aging. Only our best barrels of Taransaud, Demptos, and Baron and Ermitage were selected for this Cabernet Sauvignon.

Wine Profile

Dark ruby in the glass, our 2015 Generations Cabernet Sauvignon opens with alluring aromas of concentrated blackberry with brambly and mineral notes. This big and full, velvety, wine offers a lot of density with a very brooding finish. Flavors of cassis are accented by touch of black licorice with a beautifully long finish on the palate. Well balanced with a full-bodied mouthfeel and intense flavors, enjoy this wine now or allow it to age for the next 25-30 years.

TECHNICAL NOTES

Appellation: Napa Valley

Varietal: 98% Cabernet Sauvignon,
2% Petit Verdot

Alcohol: 15% by vol.

pH: 3.76

TA: 5.9 g/L

Fermentation: 100% Barrel
Fermented

Ageing: 19 months in 65% new
French oak