



NAPA VALLEY

**Wine Type:** Sycamore Vineyard

**Vintage:** 2015

**Director of Winemaking:** Ted Edwards    **Associate Winemakers:** Jesus Alfaro, Barrett Anderson

**Percentage of each grape variety used:** 88.2 % Cabernet Sauvignon, 4.4% Petit Verdot, 4.2 % Cabernet Franc, 3.2% Merlot,

**Primary Vineyard:**

Sycamore Vineyard—Rutherford Small 24 acre vineyard located about 1.2 miles south of Bosche, right up against the Mayacamas Range, this vineyard has a rich clay loam. Sycamore Vineyard produces small berries reminiscent of mountain fruit berries, with intense extract of color and flavor. The color is very dark early in the fermentation, with flavors of black currant and black berry with a forest floor complexity.

**Growing Season Notes:** The winter was one of the driest on record, although we did receive 75% of normal precipitation. The relatively dry, warm winter promoted early bud break and a cool spring supported a long flowering period. The balance of the season was moderate to warm, the crop was very light, with small clusters, small concentrated berries, and the fruit ripened in most cases, a good two weeks early. A moderate harvest gave way to a warm spell that completed the ripening on an early note. Crop size was very light, 50% in most places.

**Harvest Dates and Sugar:** Cab franc 9/9@ 26.0 brix, Merlot 09/9@ 26.1 brix, Petit verdot 9/9@ 26.8 and Cab Sauvignon 9/8-9/13 @ 26.0 brix

**Age of Vines and Soil Type:** 7 - 21 years; sloping rich clay loam formed by alluvial deposits.

**Fermentation:** After a five day cold soak, fermentation was in stainless steel fermentors at 75°-86° for 10-28 days skin contact.

**Alcohol:** 14.5 %    **pH:** 3.65    **Acid:** 0.65 g/100 mL    **Residual Sugar:** .07 g/L

**Aging:** Barrels: French Oak (63% new) with **Cooperage:** World Cooperage, Marchive, Sylvain

**Aged in Barrel:** 27.5 months

**Number of Cases Produced:** 2101 cases    **Bottled:** March 2018

**Life span in a proper cellar:** 20-30 years

**Vintage and Winemaker's Notes:** Opaque dark ruby describes the color of this Rutherford wine. Black currant with blueberry notes dominate the aroma, with nuances of blackberry jam on toast, dark chocolate truffle and forest floor. The oak adds the right amount of complexity with aromatic cedar, cinnamon and clove. The wine has great depth of black fruit flavor, with a strong expression of sweet black cherry and dark plum. There is a complexity in the nose that hints of tobacco, Mexican spice and a briary thicket. This full bodied cabernet sauvignon has expressive tannin and with good acidity, shows great aging potential.

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