



# cultivar

C A B E R N E T S A U V I G N O N  
L E A K Y L A K E

2015

## 2015 Vintage Notes

This vintage will be remembered for high quality, but low yields. The 2015 growing season in the Napa Valley started out with unseasonably warm temperatures in the late winter and early spring. This resulted in an early bud break and bloom. Colder temperatures in May—during the peak of bloom—caused uneven fruit set which ultimately resulted in a much smaller crop in 2015 compared in both average yields and in comparison the three abundant years that preceded it. The harvest was one of the earliest on record in the Napa Valley, beginning on July 22 with the picking of grapes for sparkling wine, and concluding for most all vintners and growers in the valley by mid-October. While ongoing drought was of great concern to farmers around California, Napa Valley received 75% of normal rainfall for the water year, refreshing the vines and putting a smile on vintners' faces.

## 2015 Cultivar Leaky Lake Cabernet Sauvignon

This small hillside vineyard above Rutherford grows grapes greater the rest. Dense berries that range from dark black to purple colors defines Leaky Lake fruit, and the aromas and flavors of black currants, coffee, licorice-shaded blackberries, smooth leather, and crushed rock are accented with just a touch of cedar. Ripe, chewy tannins may be tempting to drink now although to really be impressed wait until 2021 and beyond. This is a big, rich, deep wine that is still youthful but will age for at least 10-15 years. Ideally eat with rich dishes such as prime rib roasts or ribeyes.

### Varietal

100% Cabernet Sauvignon

### Appellations

100% Napa Valley

### Harvest

September 15, 2015

### Fermentation

66% barrel / 34% stainless steel

### Alcohol

14.3%