



2015 Kelly Fleming Estate Cabernet Sauvignon

Vintage Notes:

In 2015, a combination of warm winter temperatures and the ongoing drought caused the season to kick off early, with bud break occurring around March 15th on the Estate. Bloom, or the flowering period, was met by a cold, foggy spring. The cooler spring temperatures slowed down the flowering process, and berries weren't fully formed and set until mid-May. The berries that did form were quite small and concentrated. July and August brought a few short heat spikes with temperatures over 100 degrees. A heat spike that occurred during the start of September was the last push needed to fully ripen the grapes.

Winemaker's Notes:

This classic Cabernet Sauvignon opens with complexity of bold aromas; ripe cherry, dark chocolate and black licorice intertwine with earthy notes of dried sage, scorched earth and just a hint of rose petal. The palate is broad and coating at entry, with potent, lingering flavors of dark cocoa, anise and black currant. Structurally, the wine is chiseled and precise, offering tannins that are both fine grained and firm. Texturally, this wine has a distinct contrasting nature: there is a sleek richness and also a very focused tannin profile. In essence, this wine is classic in nature; it expresses the freshness and elegance that is so deeply connected to the Kelly Fleming Estate, while also conveying a powerful combination of substance, structure and length that are bound to develop beautifully with time in the bottle.

Grape Source: Kelly Fleming Estate Vineyard

Appellation: Calistoga

Winemaking Team: Rebecca George and Françoise Peschon

Vineyard Manager: Mike Wolf

Blend: 100% Cabernet Sauvignon

Alcohol: 14.9%

Oak Profile: 75% new French oak, 25% neutral French oak

Aging: 20 months

Cases Produced: 977

Harvested: September 3rd - September 10th 2015

Bottled: June 2017



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