

## 2015 CABERNET SAUVIGNON

**AVA:** Mount Veeder

Vineyard: Wall Road Vineyard

Winemaker: Jeff Ames

Cooperage: 22 Months French Oak, Taransaud and Darnajou

**Wall Road Vineyard** – This three-acre gem is located at the northern tip of the Mount Veeder AVA, due west of Oakville and the To Kalon vineyard. True to the Veeder AVA, this site delivers both the power and elegance we strive to achieve in our Mountain Cabernets. The elevation, slope orientation and well-drained soils yield fully ripened small berries with concentrated flavor.

**Mount Veeder AVA** – Known for its acclaimed Cabernet Sauvignon, this illustrious appellation produces graceful, expressive and world-renowned wine. Limited by nature, Mount Veeder's rugged mountain terrain, high elevation and cooling influence from the San Pablo Bay allows for a long growing season that returns low, sought after yields. This results in powerful fruit with distinct berry flavors.

**Vintage Notes** – Rain came early in the 2016 growing season providing relief to drought-stricken vines. Flowering returned a small crop, but nearly perfect summer weather helped foster the growing berries. Ideal conditions continued through harvest where fruit was picked at optimal ripeness. The 2016 vintage wines are powerful yet balanced and representative of the unique Napa terroir from which they are sourced.

Wine Maker Notes – Pure, powerful and polished, the 2015 Wall Road shows immense aromas of black currant, blueberry, blackberry preserves and hints of sweet dark herbs. The palate is fully developed and well-structured with firm yet ripe tannins and layers of dried red fruits and currants. There is a forest and sweet herb quality that hints at the signature terroir of this Mountain gem. The finish is long and lingering and lifts the layers of fruit on the palate perfectly.

## Accolades

James Suckling, 95 Points - This is some very serious stuff. Aromas of tar, vanilla and cloves. But the fruit is delicious with notes of boysenberries, blackcurrants, oranges, lavender, herbs and baking spices. The palate's rich and warming but also calm and composed. Layers of blue fruit, ripe yet integrated tannins, a fine line of acidity and a long finish. The broader style remains so elegant. Drink in 2022.