

HIGH VALLEY *Vineyard*



VINTAGE 2015 CABERNET SAUVIGNON

Located in the Coastal Ranges of northeastern Lake County, the High Valley AVA rises between 1,600 and 3,000 feet in elevation, providing our finest mountain fruit.

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The 2015 vintage was a year of highs and lows. Our Spring had weeks of 100°F weather followed by torrential rain storms. The high humidity put some disease pressure on the vines, then we were bombarded by wildfires. Lady Luck must have been on our side during both the Rocky and Valley Fires; pushing the smoke to the north east, away from our vineyards, and then a day later a rainstorm blew through to clear the air. Despite road blocks that delayed picking by a week, we really got off Scott free and 2015 fruit seems to be our best vintage yet.

BARREL AGING AND WINEMAKING

Typical of High Valley fruit, the grapes from Betsy's vineyard are powerful, yet complex. Named in memory of Clay's mother, Betsy's vineyard has a northwest facing slope that allow longer ripening time, resulting in an intensely structured Cabernet. Using a majority of French oak, we age in barrels to lift the fruit with nice toasted spices on the finish."

Alcohol 13.6%, Total Acidity 0.51, pH 3.75, RS 0.15 **SRP \$30**

"Our High Valley Cabernet Sauvignon starts with aromas of dried cherry, black pepper and cedar. The full-bodied flavors and textured finish are enhanced by notes of cherries, herbs and toasted oak."

- Joy Merrilees, Director of Winemaking and Production