



SEBASTIANI

2015

CABERNET SAUVIGNON

ALEXANDER VALLEY

DAVID NAKAJI, WINEMAKER

TECHNICAL DETAILS

APPELLATION

Alexander Valley

COMPOSITION

95% Cabernet Sauvignon,
5% Merlot

COOPERAGE

14 months in 50% new French
and Hungarian oak barrels
and one-year-old French,
Hungarian and American oak

ALCOHOL

15.1%

TA

0.59 g/100ml

PH

3.62

BOTTLING DATE

June 2017

VINEYARDS

The Alexander Valley is located north of the town of Healdsburg in Sonoma County. It is one of the warmer AVAs in the region making it the perfect spot for red Bordeaux grapes. 54% of the Cabernet came from Vimark, with 25% hailing from gravelly blocks with Clone #4, #6, #7, and #337 from the Lyon Vineyard. In addition, a small portion of Merlot from Eco Tereno vineyard was added to the final blend.

VINTAGE

2015 was a fantastic vintage in Alexander Valley. It began with an earlier than average bud break and warm temperatures in the spring and summer which accelerated maturity. This resulted in small berry sizes and high flavor concentration. Overall the 2015 fruit is exceptional in quality with mild acid, moderate to low alcohol and intense aromatics across all varieties. We harvested our Cabernet Sauvignon from September 12 – October 11, 2015.

WINEMAKING

After a three-day cold soak, we crushed and fermented the grapes at relatively warm temperatures in stainless steel tanks. After pressing, each lot was blended or lightly egg-white fined to remove green tannins. The wine was aged for 14 months, primarily in new and one-year-old French oak barrels. A smaller percentage went into Hungarian and American oak. A portion of Merlot was added during the first assemblage for balance, aromatics and flavor.

WINEMAKER'S NOTES

The 2015 Alexander Valley Cabernet Sauvignon is a dense ruby red color. Rich aromas of Crème de Cassis and bergamot tea predominate with hints of vanilla wafer and cocoa powder. The palate showcases focused blackberry fruit flavors in a more elegant style with some Cabernet spice and leafiness. Bright berry fruit and a slight sweetness imparted by the oak lingers on the finish. The tannins are ripe and round affording early drinkability.

- David Nakaji, *Winemaker*