



2015 CABERNET SAUVIGNON

Kuleto is one of the most complex and diverse wine producing properties in the world. Located in the volcanic mountains of eastern Napa our estate features 781 total acres and 82.9 acres of vines perched along ridges and clinging to steep hillsides. Our soils, exposures, elevation changes and sub-climates are so complex that we've delineated our property into more than 100 micro-blocks. Each of these tiny plots is treated as an individual vineyard with varieties, clones, rootstocks, density, trellising and farming methods tailored specifically to the site.

For winemaker John Clews, there is a mutual understanding that all but a small percentage of the winemaker's work is done in the vineyard. Keeping the vineyard's serpentine twists and exposures in mind, the best-suited varietals for each block have been selected. Working with the land, not against it, the individually terraced lots are not oriented to one central direction, but instead are planted to maximize the benefits of their natural location.

WINEMAKER'S NOTES

The crop in 2015 was substantially lighter than in the previous 3 vintages and produced wines of great intensity. At critical periods, it remained cool enough to stretch the harvest out for over two weeks, allowing for good flavor development without dehydration of the fruit.

We refer to this bottling of Cabernet Sauvignon from Kuleto as our 'Estate' bottling, even though all of our other wines are from the estate as well. It's because it truly represents the entire property in terms of sourcing that it gets this moniker. We've planted Cabernet and the other Bordeaux varieties in as many places as possible to take advantage of altitude, exposure, fog-line, and soil type to spread out the ripening season for flavor and structure diversity in the wine. No matter the vintage, the 'Estate' bottling from Kuleto is a complete and balanced wine because of the amazing diversity of this property.

The 2015 Estate Cabernet Sauvignon exudes a combination of tar, red and black fruits, and sweet high-toned herbs in the nose. The oak treatment supports but doesn't overwhelm the flavors and provides a nice lengthy backbone through the wine. It has a juiciness that is consistent with the fruit flavors and tremendous focus. This is a wine to enjoy over many years to come.

TECHNICAL DATA

Varietal Composition 77% Cabernet Sauvignon, 10% Merlot, 7% Malbec and 6% Cab Franc

Vineyard Kuleto Estate, 1100 - 1250 feet elevation | Alcohol 14.8%

Aging 20 months in French oak, 20% new | pH 3.69 | TA 5.9 g/l

Cases Produced 4,000