



2015  
RUTHERFORD ESTATE  
MERITAGE RED

VINTAGE

2015 was a fantastic vintage in the Napa Valley! Moderate, stable temperatures during the growing season allowed for very even ripening. This also made harvest a bit less chaotic as each varietal entered the winery relatively paced out. The variation of soils on the estate allowed all of the Cabernet Sauvignon to mature with exceptional balance. Overall, 2015 was an excellent vintage with very few climatic problems producing high quality fruit.

VINEYARDS & WINEMAKING

The Foley Johnson Rutherford Estate Meritage is grown on loamy soils of gravel, clay and sand which help provide ample drainage and decrease the vigor of foliage growth. These ideal growing conditions allow our Bordeaux varietals to reach full maturity on the vine without taking on the green leafy taste of under-ripened fruit. The wine went through 100% malolactic fermentation and was racked four times throughout the barreling process. After 22 months of aging in new and used French oak barrels (50% new) the wine was bottled unfiltered on July 11, 2017.

TASTING

The 2015 Estate Meritage is a 100% estate blend predominately consisting of Cabernet Sauvignon (57%), Merlot (40%) and a small amount of Petit Verdot (3%). Dark ruby in the glass, it exhibits aromas of black currant, cassis and a hint of smoky tobacco. Notes of black cherry, plum, vanilla and mocha are present on the medium-bodied palate. Its smooth mouth-feel and soft tannins make this a wine perfect for drinking now or will age gracefully over the next 5-7 years.

STATISTICS

APPELLATION	Rutherford, Napa Valley	ALCOHOL	14.8%
COMPOSITION	57% Cabernet Sauvignon, 40% Merlot, 3% Petit Verdot	TA	6.3 g/L
AGING	22 months in French oak barrels (50% new)	PH	3.61
		BOTTLING DATE	July 11, 2017
		PRODUCTION	887 Cases