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BLACK MAGIC
CABERNET SAUVIGNON
2015

TOR'S NOTE Real magic cannot be explained or reasoned. It is astonishing and challenges our imagination. It is in this wine. Here is the essence of Cabernet Sauvignon, black as a moonless Napa Valley night. It will not be made every year, only those years when we feel a special presence. For Black Magic you need not, should not know more.

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WINEMAKER'S TASTING NOTES The 2015 Black Magic is perhaps the greatest version of this wine that we have ever made. This again comes from only the best barrels that we have in the cellar, regardless of what that is. The 2015 shows the inherent depth and richness to the vintage and total balance in every way. In addition to the extreme depth, you have an absolute tidal wave of black fruits, mocha, cassis and liqueur. The balance is perfect and the finish almost endless. Another future legend.

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VINTAGE Over my decades as a Napa vintner I have gained great respect for "drought years." They are yin and yang years, where a farmer has to pay very close attention to each vine. In years like 2015, every vine was pushed to the limit – its access to water, its survival. The survivors make up small crops - that is the "yin." The "yang" is - the quality can be off the charts.

In 2015, we suffered up to 45% losses in several blocks. It was an early start, but cool weather during flowering in May contributed to a less than normal fruit set. The berries that did set were generally much smaller than usual. Once the set was complete, we had warm to very warm conditions up to and through harvest. There was no rush to judgement on when to pick, we had plenty of space at the winery for the short crop, and all the fruit was in before the winter storms started to line up off the coast. Initially, I did not pass judgement on this vintage; but now having tasted all the wines in bottle – it is a great one in all respects.

CASES PRODUCED: 150

RETAIL BOTTLE PRICE: 325

