



## 2015 CABERNET SAUVIGNON NAPA VALLEY

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| <b>HARVESTED</b>   |  | September 12 - October 11, 2015               |
| <b>VINEYARDS</b>   |  | Pahlmeyer Estate, Rancho Chimiles, Stagecoach |
| <b>BOTTLED</b>     |  | April 8, 2017                                 |
| <b>COMPOSITION</b> |  | 96% Cabernet Sauvignon, 4% Cabernet Franc     |
| <b>ALCOHOL</b>     |  | 14.5%   |
| <b>WINEMAKER</b>   |  | Kale Anderson                                 |

### VINTAGE NOTES

The 2015 vintage reflects our determination to create a stunning wine during a challenging growing season. An unusually warm spring led to early budbreak and accelerated vine growth, but upon bloom, weather turned cool, slowing development. Summer's considerable heat propelled the grapes into early flavor concentration, while spells of low temperatures delayed ripening. We took extra care in hand-sorting the fruit and used 100% free-run juice, resulting in a wine that gleams with intensity, complexity and bright acidity.

### WINEMAKING NOTES

Our mountain-grown cabernet sauvignon is whole-berry fermented, not crushed, in order to capture its concentrated color and flavors, while preserving a fresh fruit profile and preventing excessive tannin extraction. We harvested at night to deliver naturally cooled grapes to the winery by early morning. The whole clusters were gravity-fed onto a vibrating table where we hand-sorted to remove any damaged fruit and sift out materials other than grapes. The selected clusters were then then gently fed into a Bucher Oscyllis 200 destemmer, delivering whole berries onto a vibrating screen for a final hand sorting. The resulting berries – ripe, plump and intact, were then gravity fed into our fermenters. After five days of cold maceration, the fruit entered primary fermentation for two to three weeks, then was gently pressed in our stainless steel basket. The wine was then transferred to barrel to finish malolactic fermentation and aged in 65% new French oak for 17 months.

### TASTING NOTES

Jayson Cabernet Sauvignon reveals its classic expression with deep, elegant black and red fruit aromas accented by notes of dried herbs. The mid-palate is focused, and a firm structure supports the concentrated fruit. Notes of oak, cacao and pencil shavings add intriguing complexity to this intense, powerful wine.

### ABOUT JAYSON WINES

Jayson wines are born from two of the most renowned winegrowing regions in the world – the iconic Napa Valley and the pioneering Sonoma Coast. Every vintage is meticulously made with the attention to detail for which Pahlmeyer is known and trusted, while capturing the spirit of its founder whose huge personality, humor and joy for living are an integral part of the Pahlmeyer legacy.

