



CHAPPELLET

2015 Mountain Cuvée Proprietor's Blend

Winemaker Phillip Corallo-Titus



Wine Statistics

Harvested Aug. 31 – Oct. 23, 2015
23.0° – 28.0° Brix at Harvest
14.5% Alcohol
TA – 0.61g/100ml
pH – 3.68

Wine Blend

37% Merlot
34% Cabernet Sauvignon
11% Malbec
11% Petit Verdot
7% Cabernet Franc

The Wine

Blended from the traditional Bordeaux varietals, including our own coveted grapes, the Chappellet Mountain Cuvée Proprietor's Blend builds on our five decades of experience crafting great Napa County mountain-grown wines. Each component varietal in the cuvée contributes nuances that complement each other. The result is a complex array of aromas and flavors that deliver pure pleasure in a glass. Made for more near-term enjoyment, this is the wine to choose when you're looking for vivid, mouthfilling fruit flavors.

Growing Season & Harvest

While the 2015 growing season delivered grapes of exceptional quality, it was a vintage that was light on quantity. With another warm, dry spring, the growing season got off to a fast start. Unfortunately, cold weather during flowering resulted in a significant amount of shatter, resulting in light clusters. Knowing that yields would be down, we tailored our farming to ensure that we brought out the very best from the small crop. This included methods designed to create homogenous ripening, as well as techniques that limited canopy growth, while providing ideal dappled sunlight on the ripening fruit. A lovely temperate summer allowed the grapes to ripen slowly, while an unhurried harvest ensured that everything was picked at the perfect stage of development, with pristine grapes showing beautiful color, density and depth.

Tasting Notes

This inviting wine offers a complex array of elegant aromas that include spicy red fruit, black cherry, sage, anise, clove and cocoa powder. The palate is silky and balanced, with a plush, mouthcoating texture that makes the wine immediately approachable and delicious. Flavors of red currant and cassis are underscored by hints of smoke and vanilla, while seamlessly integrated tannins add length and structure to this complex blend of Bordeaux varietals.