



2015 Cabernet Sauvignon Estate Grown Pocai Vineyard Calistoga, Napa Valley

Varietal Composition

98% Cabernet Sauvignon
1% Petit Verdot
1% Petite Sirah

Appellation

Calistoga, Napa Valley

Harvest Dates

September 4th – October 1st

Harvest Brix

28.5°B

Barrel aging

24 months in French oak barrels;
100% New French oak

Finished Alcohol

15.2%

pH

3.61

Titratable acidity

6.9 g/L



Winemaking Notes:

The 2015 Pocai Cabernet Sauvignon was selected from our best performing section of vineyard. We took careful measures to ensure only the properly mature fruit made it into this wine. This allowed us to achieve maximum color extraction and tannin structure. The 2015 Cabernet Sauvignon was gently handled in the winery, and this wine was aged in 100% new French oak. After aging for almost two years in the cellar, the tannins are big and mature, but with some roundness to them.

Vineyard Notes:

The Pocai Vineyard has been continuously farmed by our family for over 100 years, ever since Betty Ballentine's grandfather purchased it in 1906. Purchased with a pile of gold coins, Pocai Vineyard is the heart and soul of the Ballentine Family Estate. Located on the southern edge of the Calistoga Appellation. The soil is Bale gravelly loam, the rockiest soil of our three vineyards, the fertility of the soil is low, but the drainage is excellent and is perfect for growing powerful red grapes.

Tasting Notes:

In 2015 our Pocai Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon really stood out for its exceptional palate weight. The tannins are big and robust as we expect from this property, but there is plenty of stuffing in this wine to support those tannins. Raspberry and cherry are the first aromas that come out of the wine, and are quickly followed with spice, flowers, and red fruits. The flavor mimics the nose, and has a lingering complexity that we find highly enjoyable.