

Blacksmith Cellars

2015 Dry Creek Valley Cabernet Sauvignon

Composition: 80% Cabernet Sauvignon
18% Merlot
2% Petit Verdot

Harvest: October 13, 2015
Sugar: 25.5 Brix
Total Acid: 0.66
PH: 3.68

Alcohol: 14.5% by Vol

Aging: 100% French Oak

Release Date: August 15, 2017

The Vineyard: All three of the varietals for Blacksmith Cellars' Dry Creek Cabernet Sauvignon come from a single vineyard planted on the East side of Dry Creek Valley. Rocky hillsides with thin soils contribute to small berry size and great concentration in the fruit that is farmed to about three tons per acre.

Cellar Practices and Winemaking: All of our fruit is hand picked and hand sorted at the winery before crushing to ensure a true expression of the varietal character. The crushed fruit is cold soaked for three days to extract richness without harsh or dry seed tannins. Fermentations are done in half-ton bins and are punched down by hand four times a day.

The Wine: The Dry Creek Cabernet Sauvignon exhibits tremendous elegance and finesse across the palate. The mid palate is broad and velvety, which transitions seamlessly into a balanced and persistent finish. The fragrant bouquet offers up lush tones of violet intermixed with lavender and blackberry, while rich flavors of olive, crème de cassis and cocoa nibs highlight the purity of this multidimensional and elegantly styled wine.