

BRAVANTE

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Viticulture

100% Estate Grown & Bottled
100% Howell Mountain AVA
Peter Murphy- Viticulturist

Varietal Content

88.9% Merlot
11.1% Cabernet Sauvignon

Winemaking

23 Months in Oak
Bottled September, 2017
One Polish Filtration
Alcohol, 15.1%
Aging Potential, 8-12 years
Winemaker, Duane Dappen
252 cases produced

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2015 Estate Merlot

2015 was an early harvest year for the Napa Valley. We started picking in mid-September, and finished before the middle of October - early for us. The crop was smaller than usual, which gives us great concentration of fruit and beautiful color. We have two blocks of Merlot, one at each end of our property, both adding distinction, structure and complexity. Our 2015 Estate Merlot is a blend of the classy and fruity Block 1, which is very "Bordeaux" in style, and our Block 5, which is all "Howell Mountain" - intense, structured, with great varietal concentration

The 2015 Merlot has our trademark plum aromas mingled with bright cherry, spice box and hints of chalk and mineral. Full-bodied and lush, the palate shows the plum again, this time with currants and a beguiling hint of crushed herbs. The finish is long and structured, with wonderful palate-cleansing acidity that will make this a wonderful pairing to a wide variety of food.

93 Points, James Suckling

90 Points, Jeb Dunnuck