

2015 ESTATE CABERNET SAUVIGNON
 HIRONDELLE VINEYARD
 STAGS LEAP DISTRICT, NAPA VALLEY



APPELLATION:	Stags Leap District, Napa Valley
VINEYARD:	Hirondelle Estate
COMPOSITION:	100% Estate Cabernet Sauvignon
FERMENTATION:	Stainless steel tanks with 3 pumpovers daily
AGING:	100% new French oak (Sylvain, Taransaud, Baron)
ACID:	6.1 g/L
pH:	3.7
ALCOHOL:	14.5%
HARVESTED:	September 2- 5, 2015
PRODUCTION:	1100 cases

WINEMAKER'S INSIGHT

This 100% Cabernet Sauvignon was grown from four of our best blocks of the Hirondelle Estate Vineyard, including clones 4,7,337 and See. The wine has deep violet aromas with a hint of forest floor. Displaying flavors of raspberry jam, toast, espresso and fresh pastry, there is a long, velvety finish.

HARVEST

The 2015 growing season proved to be warm and at times, quite hotter than normal, meaning that harvest started and ended early. Along with the unusual heat, the Napa Valley experienced a series of rains in the early part of the season that washed pollen off of the flowering grapes. When this condition called “shatter” happens, some flowers do not turn into fruit and essentially means that many of the grapes on each cluster never form. The resulting low yield meant we had a significantly smaller crop and a smaller production of many of our wines. However, the ‘less is more’ theory gave us some of the best, most concentrated fruit have seen in a long time, delivering beautiful, fruit forward wines in the end.

HISTORY

Clos Du Val, French for “small vineyard estate of a small valley,” was founded in 1972 in the renowned Stags Leap District. The winery was first recognized for its Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon at the famed Judgment of Paris in 1976, establishing its place as one of Napa Valley’s most iconic winery estates. Still family-owned today, Clos Du Val farms 350 acres of estate vineyards in the Stags Leap District, Carneros and Yountville appellations and continues to craft wines of balance and complexity, showcasing the fruit from the outstanding terroir on which our estate lies.