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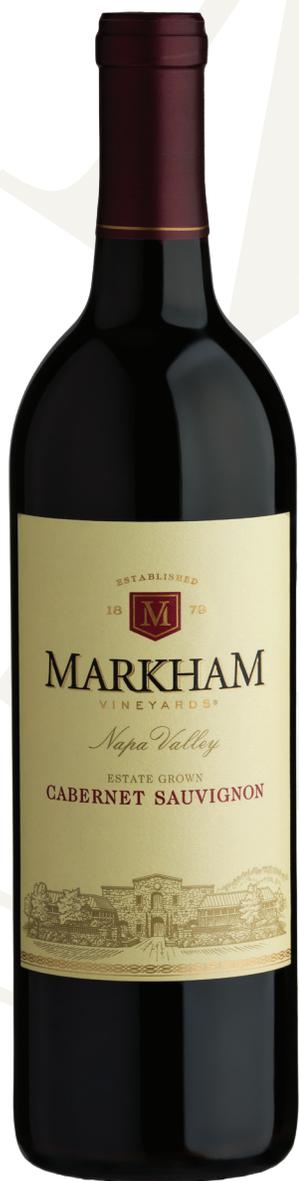
MARKHAM

VINEYARDS®

Napa Valley

CABERNET SAUVIGNON

— 2015 —



WINEMAKER'S NOTES

We love how our Cabernet shows where it was grown more so than any other wine we make! Delicate violet and Satsuma plum aromas are layered with a hint of bay leaf allowing our Calistoga estate to shine. Not one to take a back seat, the power of our Yountville estate pumps this wine full of boysenberry jam, dark chocolate and graphite flavors. Built for age, this 2015 is bright and rambunctious but still melts across the palate with milk chocolate silkiness. Well balanced oak gives structure and is highlighted by caramel, mocha and baking spices found in the glass. Braised short ribs simmered on the stove all day and piled high on a bed of buttery mashed potatoes would have us in heaven as the perfect pairing.

VINEYARD NOTES

Our Cabernet Sauvignon is entirely blended from our two Estate vineyards. Nestled in a canyon surrounded by wild Bay Laurel trees, the rocky soils provide near perfect growing conditions for our Calistoga Cabernet and Petit Verdot. In the heart of Napa Valley, our Yountville property has an amazing lineage spanning over 140 years. The Cabernet Sauvignon and Cabernet Franc from that ranch provide backbone to the blend. Between the two properties, 18 different clonal selections are planted adding further depth and dimension to our blend. Careful canopy management maximizes filtered light within the vines, allowing the fruit to ripen evenly. The wines are sent to barrels individually to mature, providing greater understanding of the direct impact of our viticultural practices each vintage.

HARVEST NOTES

With heavy December rainfall, we had hoped for a normal, wet month of February. Instead we saw the earliest bud break on record and a long spring of frost protection worries. However the warm, dry winter brought us our 4th year of drought, freak hail storms and a long, extended bloom in our red varieties. We called the vintage the "hot tub time machine" which behaved much like our 2007 vintage. It began fast and early, but experience has taught us to have patience to wait for flavor development in order to create wines of which to be proud...again!

VARIETAL COMPOSITION

90% Cabernet Sauvignon
6% Cabernet Franc
4% Petit Verdot

TECHNICAL DATA

Alcohol: 14.8%
Acid: 0.59 g/100 mls
pH: 3.56

FERMENTATION & AGING

100% Stainless Steel Fermented
25 Days Skin Contact



25 Months Aged in French Oak
48% New Oak Barrels



Bottled: February 2018
Released: Late Fall 2018

