



BY MICHAEL MONDAVI

2015 CABERNET SAUVIGNON | NAPA VALLEY

Grape Variety

89% Cabernet Sauvignon, 7% Cabernet Franc, 2% Merlot, 1% Malbec, 1% Petit Verdot

Vineyard

The grapes harvested to make M by Michael Mondavi come from a special section at the crest of our hillside vineyard on Atlas Peak. Here, in the crown of the vineyard, the vines produce smaller clusters and berries resulting in a richer and plusher wine.

Vintage Notes

The 2015 was a warm vintage, and in order to stress the importance of balanced vines and soils, our viticulturalist Danny Schuster provided guidance to establish balanced canopies to shield the grapes from the intense heat and sun. The vineyard is located high on the hillside of the valley. The vintage required attention in the vineyards and cellar, yet it demonstrated the beauty of harnessing the warmth of Napa Valley.

Winemaking Notes

The grapes came into the winery early in the morning and were gently transferred into our Pellenc destemmer, known as the most precise and gentle tool available. The berries were then placed into small wood tanks and settled for a day prior to commencing fermentation to capture the freshness of the grapes. Pressing occurred and we opted for a short maceration time as the small berries of mountain fruit provide a naturally ample intensity of color, tannins, and mouthfeel. The wine is aged in 65% new French oak puncheons for 21 months as they impart a more delicate influence of oak and preserve the fruit and nuances of the vineyard. The wines are unfiltered prior to bottling.

Tasting Notes

Aromas of dark fruits and fresh French plums, with notes of roasted hazelnuts are at the core of the bouquet. The attack on the palate is soft, and delicate flavors of refined vine fruits and orchard blossoms mingle together providing a seamless wine with a lingering finish. This is an elegant medium body wine, flush with restrained opulence.

6.0 g/l total acidity; 3.78 pH

14.5% alc. by vol.

SRP: \$200.00

Production: 396 Cases



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