

Baldacci

FAMILY ESTATE VINEYARDS
NAPA VALLEY

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VINEYARD NOTES

Our Stella Knight estate vineyard was purchased in 2013. This unique little 10-acre gem is nestled into the shadow of Diamond Mountain and is comprised of three distinct blocks. The diversity of the three blocks allows us to create two separate wines from this single vineyard. The majority of the fruit is the backbone of our Fraternity Red Wine Blend while a separate barrel selection becomes part of our 100% Cabernet Sauvignon portfolio showcasing diverse Napa Valley sub-appellations.

Coming into the third year of drought, the 2015 harvest also had colder weather during flowering which led to a poor fruit set, and small, uneven grape clusters. Yields were down significantly, but quality was excellent. Summer warmth, with no rain, had picking begin in early August and end before October. Most affected were our Pinot Noir yields, but we are pleased with the full range of flavors that a concentrated vintage can provide.

WINEMAKING NOTES

All of our fruit passes through a small de-stemmer and is never crushed. We then bleed about 10% of the juice to allow for an increased ratio of skin to juice which adds structure, mouthfeel and color to the final wine. After 3 days of cold soak, the juice is inoculated and ferments for approximately 14 days. The wine is then pressed into tank and allowed to settle for 24 hours. The wine is then racked clean into 100% French oak barrels where it passes through malolactic fermentation and then ages for 20 months prior to bottling.

WINEMAKER TASTING NOTES

This beautifully structured expression from our warmest estate vineyard has floral notes of lavender balanced against red berry fruit, black pepper jerky and sandalwood. The big, bold tannin grabs in the mid-palate but surrenders to the macerated dark berry fruit, spicy oak and a long, juicy finish.

Stella Knight Vineyard, Calistoga, Napa Valley

2015 Calistoga

CABERNET SAUVIGNON

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| Varietal Blend | 100% Cabernet Sauvignon |
| Appellation | Calistoga, Napa Valley |
| Clonal Selection | 6 |
| Alcohol | 14.9% |
| T.A. | 6.0 g/L |
| pH | 3.64 |
| Residual Sugar | .8 g/L |
| Brix at Harvest | 26.5 |
| Harvest Date | September 29, 2015 |
| Oak Regime | 50% New French Oak |
| Cooperage | Marques, Radoux, Seguin Moreau, Treuil |
| Bottling Date | June 29, 2017 |
| Production | 535 cases (12 x 750ml) |
| Winery Retail Price | \$90 |
| Accolades | N/A |

