

2015 Cappella

Inaugural Vintage: 2006

Acreage: 6

Varieties: 68% Cabernet Sauvignon, 19% Cabernet Franc, and 13% Petit Verdot

Soil Composition: Gravelly Loam

Harvest Dates: September 15, September 22

Production: 13 Barrels

Bottled: December 2017

Release Date: September 2019

It is hard to believe that vines at Cappella are at age 15. Planted in 2000, they are older than most in the neighborhood yet still youthful in our minds. The strength of these vines, in this vintage, was the surprise of harvest. The soils are an unforgiving mix of gravel and loam. The intensity of the setting sun would hang in the western sky challenging the juvenile vines at Cappella. Yet, our focused approach to canopy management and precise irrigation allowed for the vines to be resilient and show their character.

There were just two picks at Cappella. The first selection was from both blocks of Cabernet Sauvignon, each of different clone and rootstock. This large tank yielded 8 barrels that formed the core of the wine. On September 22, the block that is split between Cabernet Franc and Petit Verdot was picked in whole, along with the last few vines of Cabernet Sauvignon. These 5 barrels matched exactly with the 8 barrels from the first pick to form the blend.