

2015 Las Posadas

Inaugural Vintage: 2006

Acreage: 33

Varieties: 38% Cabernet Sauvignon, 34% Cabernet Franc, 14% Petit Verdot, 9% Merlot and 5% Malbec.

Soil Composition: Red Aiken

Harvest Dates: September 11, 14, 26, October 2

Production: 13 Barrels

Bottled: December 2017

Release Date: March 2020

With each passing vintage, the evolution of Las Posadas continues. When we first planted this vineyard back in 2002, the philosophy was simple—define Howell Mountain in our own way by co-fermenting multiple varieties together. The 2015 is the 10th vintage in bottle of the Las Posadas. The wines have evolved from a more Cabernet Sauvignon dominant blend to a wine that is more balanced with Cabernet Franc. The growth and maturity are evident, not only in the bottle, but in the vineyard. We are very excited to see what the next ten years looks like at Las Posadas.

With an elevation around 2000', the vines at Las Posadas were able to ripen fruit over a three-week period in 2015. This elongated harvest produced fruit of intensity, great depth and structure. A varied selection across the entire vineyard started on September 11. Three days later, another selective pick occurred across multiple blocks. These first two fermentations consisted of all five varieties planted at Las Posadas. On September 26, the core component of the 2015 final blend was picked from the area we call "The Corral." The last of the Cabernet Sauvignon was harvested on October 2 from the original vines on the face of vineyard. In total, of the four fermentations, 13 barrels were combined to form the final blend.