

2015 Thorevilos

Inaugural Vintage: 2000

Acreage: 22

Varieties: 55% Cabernet Sauvignon, 26% Cabernet Franc, 15% Petit Verdot, 4% Merlot

Soil Composition: Volcanic Ash, Tufa

Harvest Dates: September 12, 16, 20

Production: 15 Barrels

Bottled: December 2017

Release Date: March 2020

As you drive the no-name road through the shaded oak tree tunnel in the eastern hills of St. Helena, it is clear there is something special around the corner. The unique character of Thorevilos is apparent at first glimpse. The perfectly straight rows of Cabernet Franc, Merlot and Petit Verdot end abruptly as the winding rows of Cabernet Sauvignon stretch perpendicular across the steep terraces. Thorevilos is defined by extremes. The soils are stark white, volcanic ash, dotted with fractured rocks. The vines are sun drenched all day only to get a reprieve as the shadows from the western conifers stretch lengthwise across the vineyard. Thorevilos yields fruit that echoes the singularity of this unincorporated plot of Napa Valley.

The grapes at Thorevilos were harvested swiftly in 2015. Over the span of 8 days, three separate picks were made. It was obvious that 2015 was a different harvest when, on September 12, the Cabernet Sauvignon from the top terraces was fermented on its own. Four days later the very sparse Merlot was picked and combined with a larger quantity of Cabernet Sauvignon and Cabernet Franc. Finally, on September 20, the rest of the fruit was picked, including a large amount of Petit Verdot. Of the three lots, 15 barrels were selected to form the blend.