



## 2015 MARSTON FAMILY VINEYARD ESTATE CABERNET SAUVIGNON

The 2015 vintage marks our 40<sup>th</sup> growing season in the Napa Valley. We strive to produce a classic, distinctive wine that expresses the complexity of our terraced hillside vineyards along the southern edge of the Spring Mountain District. Each year we select and hand cultivate our favorite blocks of the 40-acre estate vineyard to produce a limited amount of *Marston Family Vineyard Estate Cabernet Sauvignon*.

### *Vintage Summary*

The 2015 vintage marks our 40<sup>th</sup> growing season in the Napa Valley. The year began with unseasonably warm temperatures in the late winter and early spring, which resulted in a very early bud break and bloom. Cooler temperatures in May (during the peak of bloom) caused uneven fruit set that ultimately resulted in much smaller crop levels, as compared to the bountiful vintages that preceded it. As we progressed through veraison we were able to nurture the vines with enhancements to the canopy and thoughtful cluster positioning to maximize fruit quality. Harvest was one of the earliest on record for many in the Napa Valley, yet closer to average at the Estate in mid-October with yields down approximately 20%.

### **2015 MFV ESTATE Cabernet Sauvignon Technical Data:**

<b>Vineyard Source:</b>	Marston Family Vineyard Estate
<b>Appellation:</b>	Spring Mountain District, Napa Valley
<b>Composition:</b>	100% Cabernet Sauvignon, Clones 4, 8 and 337
<b>Harvest Date:</b>	October 9 <sup>th</sup> through October 13 <sup>th</sup> , 2015
<b>Winemaker:</b>	Marbue Marke (2009 – present)
<b>Vinification:</b>	80% Stainless Steel tank fermentation, 20% Barrel fermentation
<b>Aging:</b>	100% French Oak Aging for 19 months
<b>Production:</b>	530 Cases Bottled on May 17 <sup>th</sup> , 2017
<b>Release Date:</b>	October 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2018

**Winemaker Tasting Notes:** “An intense bouquet of rose petal, currant, black raspberry and violet jumps from the glass. Youthful and exuberant, a core of crushed blackberries interwoven with cassis and lavender forms layers upon layers of complexity. Polished, velvety tannins highlight the silky finish, and the flavors will only evolve with time. Enchanting.” ~ Marbue Marke, September 2018