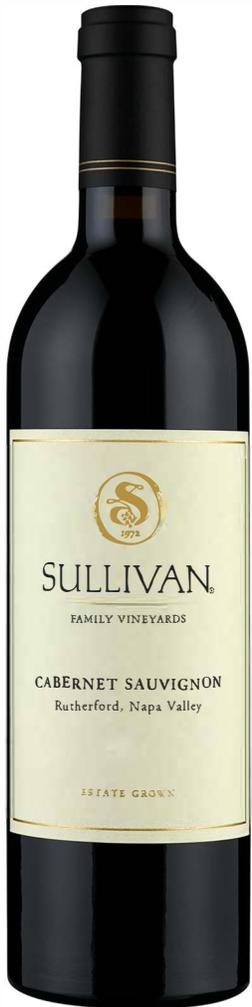


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## RUTHERFORD ESTATE

### 2015 ESTATE CABERNET SAUVIGNON



#### Vintage Summary:

The 2015 vintage started earlier than normal due to warm temperatures in the early spring, but cold temperatures in May caused an uneven fruit set, resulting in smaller crops and lower yields. Consistently high temperatures through the rest of the growing season led to one of the earliest harvests on record, with most of the fruit off the vines by the end of September. Overall, the fruit quality was high. There were no rain events or cool offs during the peak of harvest, which allowed for clean, ripe fruit and ultimately beautiful tasty wines.

#### Winemaker Notes:

The 2015 vintage was a ripe vintage, and the Cabernet Sauvignon reflects the growing season in its intensity and richness. Hints of black cherry and plum lead the way with subtle dark chocolate and sweet vanilla notes. There is a juicy quality to this wine that shows roundness and richness, ultimately coating the entire palate. True to its Rutherford heritage, the tannins are resolved, and give a sense of cocoa powder dancing across the tongue. This wine has structure and is built to last and enjoy for the next 15 years.

**VINTAGE:**  
2015

**APPELLATION:**  
Rutherford

**VINEYARD:**  
Sullivan Estate

**VINEYARD  
MANAGER:**  
Mike Wolf

**VARIETALS:**  
97% Cabernet Sauvignon,  
3% Petit Verdot

**CLONE SELECTION:**  
Cabernet Sauvignon-  
7, 337, 4, 35, 191  
Petite Verdot-  
400

**HARVEST DATE:**  
9/9/15 - 9/28/15  
Hand harvested at night

**WINEMAKER:**  
Jeff Cole

**FERMENTATION:**  
5 day cold soak;  
Daily pumpovers  
25 day extended maceration;  
Only free run juice

**BARREL AGING:**  
21 months  
New French Oak

**BOTTLING DATE:**  
7/24/17

**PRODUCTION:**  
1,056 cases

**pH:**  
3.78

**TA:**  
5.9g/L

**ALCOHOL:**  
14.8%

**RETAIL:**  
\$110