

MARK HEROLD WINES



2015 HEROLD "OAKVILLE" CABERNET SAUVIGNON

OAKVILLE, NAPA VALLEY

TASTING NOTES

Effusive and ethereal aromatics explode from the glass! Blackberry liqueur, crème de cassis, pomegranate, espresso bean, strawberry syrup and crushed granite. Underlying notes of roasted almonds, suede, sweet tobacco, fresh wildflowers and candied orange peel add complexity and depth to this heady wine. The palate is laden with a cascade of black and purple fruit flavors with hints of truffles and minerals. The wine drinks effortlessly, the tannins are firm yet supple and the finish goes on and on!

VINTAGE NOTES

The third year of the drought brought unseasonably warm temperatures in late winter which resulted in an early bud break and bloom. A cooler May brought uneven fruit set resulting in highly reduced crops. That was just the beginning of a hot, intense year where yields were reduced even further. The small clusters and berries yielded fruit with incredible elegance and power and the final wines were inky and concentrated.

Oakville Ranch is a 330-acre estate located 1,400 feet above the valley floor on the eastern side of the Oakville AVA along the foothills of the Vaca mountain range. Bathed in all-day sunlight. The vines produce low yield, small berried clusters of world-class Cabernet Sauvignon.

APPELLATION

OAKVILLE, NAPA VALLEY

VINEYARD

OAKVILLE RANCH

VARIETAL

CABERNET SAUVIGNON

AGING

20 MONTHS, 85% NEW FRENCH OAK

ALCOHOL

16%

PRODUCTION

144 CASES

SUGGESTED RETAIL PRICE

\$195

"The 2015 Cabernet Sauvignon White Label, from Oakville Ranch, is fabulous. Super-ripe black cherry, blueberry jam, mint, crème de cassis, lavender and spice infuse this dramatic, flamboyant Cabernet Sauvignon. Silky tannins and layers of racy, voluptuous fruit add to the wine's intense, full-bodied personality." **97 pts** –*Antonio Galloni, January 2018*

"This is big, bold, rich and plush, with a dense, commanding core of juicy dark berry, cedary oak, sage and tobacco notes, but it's the purity of the fruit that stays with you through the finish. Drink now through 2030." **94 pts** –*Wine Spectator Insider, July 11, 2018*

