



## 2015 ESTATE CABERNET SAUVIGNON

**Harvest:** October 24<sup>th</sup>, 2015

**Vineyard Block:** Watchtower Vineyard

**Planted:** 2005

**Aspect:** Steep east-facing slope

**Soil:** Josephine Loam

**Rootstock:** Millardet ed de Grasset 101-14

**Clone:** 07, 191, 337

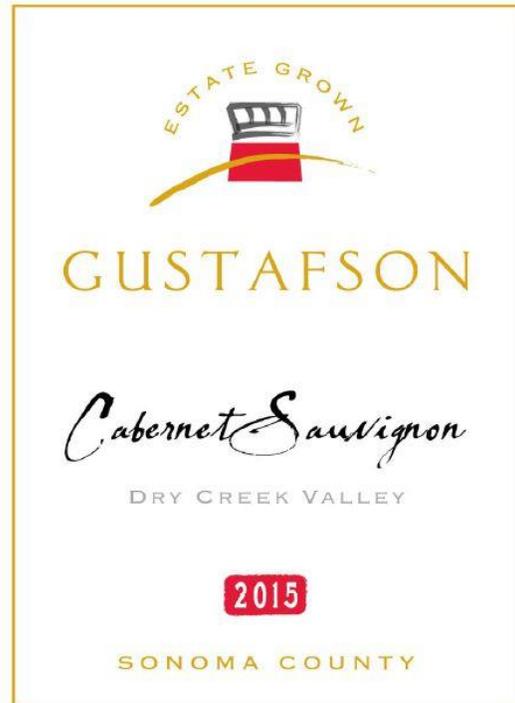
**Blend:** 77.5% Cabernet Sauvignon,  
10% Cabernet Franc, 12.5% Petite Verdot

**Aging:** 28 Months French Oak, 45% New

**Alcohol:** 14.5

**Total Production:** 250 cases

**Release Date:** Fall 2018



**Vintage Notes:** The 2015 vintage was the fourth and most brutal year of the California drought. An extremely dry and warm winter led to the earliest bud break in our records. Our vines started the growing season on February 10th, a full month earlier than normal. Warm weather in January and February was followed by a cool spring which delayed flowering and led to poor berry set, the overall effect being a lighter-than-average crop. This lighter crop, coupled with an early start to the growing season, precipitated the earliest harvest on record. The wines of the 2015 vintage will be marked by small production volumes of outstanding quality.

**Winemaking Notes:** One upside to the extremely hot and dry summer is that it created nearly perfect growing conditions for our Cabernet Sauvignon. Usually harvested near the end of October, the grapes came in nearly a whole month early on September 24th. Fully mature and packed with dense flavor the grapes looked to be nearly a textbook example of the varietal. Fermented on skins for three weeks to ensure full flavor extraction, this wine has been aged for 28 months in 45% new French oak. A classically bold Cabernet, our 2015 vintage is the perfect pairing for your favorite cut of red meat.

**Tasting Notes:** Our 2015 Cabernet Sauvignon is made in the classic Bordeaux style, blended with 10% Cabernet Franc and 12.5% Petite Verdot; it is full-bodied on the palate and complimented by a wonderful acidity that makes the fruit really shine through! With a bouquet of bright raspberry, cherry and holiday baking spices reminiscent of nutmeg, vanilla and cinnamon, the flavors on the palate are driven by notes of tart cranberry and sweet tobacco. A great addition to any cellar, this Cabernet has rounded, well-balanced tannins, giving this wine the potential to age for another ten plus years.