



2015 Cabernet Sauvignon

CHALK HILL

HARVESTED	September 9- 22, 2015
ALCOHOL	14.5%
TA	.65
pH	3.43
CASES	3,337
AGING	18 months in European and American Oak. 18% New Oak.
ESTATE BOTTLED	July 24, 2017
WINEMAKER	Jason De Loach



THE VINEYARD

Chalk Hill is an appellation with, generally, warmer days than in the rest of the Russian River Valley, with a variety of volcanic and alluvial soils across the western foothills of the Mayacamas range, rising 200 to 300 feet in elevation. Here, at our Los Amigos Ranch, just South of Healdsburg, Cabernet Sauvignon and Merlot develop deep, bold flavors.

THE GROWTH

2015 was an exceptionally good year for growing grapes in the Russian River Valley. Coming into the 4th year of drought we expected lower yields but the weather cooperated with a steady temperature and a punch of heat in the end causing the fruit to ripen slowly, ensuring maximum flavor development. This was our earliest harvest to date.

THE WINEMAKING

Our single vineyard Cabernet is aged for up to 18 months in a combination of European and American oak. The wine contains 16% of Merlot, also from our Los Amigos ranch, to enhance the silky texture of this exquisite Cabernet.

THE WINE

This Cabernet Sauvignon is a beautiful dark red crystal color. It exhibits deep aromas of black cherry and rhubarb tart with light tinges of maple and violets. Gripping ripe cherry pulp flavors layered with sage to a pleasant lingering powdered cocoa. The rich flavor and deep character of this balanced wine displays soft tannins which pair well with a nice prime rib. This Cabernet can be cellared for many years.

