



2015 MERITAGE

TECHNICAL INFORMATION

Vineyard: The Meritage Resort & Spa Estate Vineyard

Varietals: 33% Merlot, 24% Cabernet Sauvignon, 21% Cabernet Franc,
13% Malbec, 9% Petit Verdot

Appellation: Napa Valley

Alcohol: 15.4%

Production: 996 Cases

Barrel program: 20 months, 100% new French oak

TASTING NOTES

This rich and approachable rendition of Meritage puts the overt characteristics of the 2015 vintage on full display. It opens with a sweet bouquet of plum, blueberry, graphite, and cedar. The silky palate gushes with flavors of ripe blueberry and black currant that seamlessly transition into a savory finish of toasted vanilla graham cracker. Despite its decadence, this wine stays fresh, and is incredibly easy to drink. This is ready to enjoy now!

WINEMAKING NOTES

Our winemaker, Kevin Mills, blends this wine piece by piece. He uses the modern technique of cold soaking prior to fermentation; this ensures maximum color extraction and the preservation of fruit flavors. Our namesake wine is then barrel aged for 20 months in 100% new French oak.

VINEYARD NOTES

The Meritage grapes come from our estate vineyard located at the Meritage Resort & Spa, in the shadow of the iconic Grape Crusher Statue. The Vineyard is seven and a half acres and home to all five noble red Bordeaux varietals: Cabernet Sauvignon, Cabernet Franc, Merlot, Malbec and Petit Verdot. The Vineyard is northern facing, allowing constant sun exposure throughout the day. The gentle slope of the vineyard in combination with the rocky soil gives the vines great drainage to maintain berry concentration.

90 POINTS JAMES SUCKLING

"A round and flavorful red showing lots of chocolate, toasted oak, and dark berry character. Full body, soft tannins and a flavorful finish. Easy. Flamboyant." – 12/2017

SUGGESTED RETAIL PRICE: \$65

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