



## 2015 TAPESTRY RESERVE NAPA VALLEY

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Beaulieu Vineyard Reserve wines are handcrafted from the finest grapes of the vintage, focusing on our premier estates in Rutherford, Carneros and other Napa Valley appellations. For more than 100 years, Beaulieu Vineyard has set the benchmark for rich, classic Napa Valley wines. Our legacy honors the marriage between state-of-the-art technology and gentle, traditional winemaking methods, a combination that enhances the expression of our remarkable vineyard terroir.

### TASTING NOTES

Our 2015 Tapestry is a true reflection of the exceptional 2015 growing season with its expressive, vibrant aromas and flavors, along with incredible structure, layered with an underscore of bright acidity that makes this wine incredibly approachable. This is a wine that shows the artistry of blending five Bordeaux-heritage grape varieties grown within the Napa Valley, which contribute layer-upon-layer of flavor complexity. Cabernet Sauvignon imparts a generous core of juicy wild blackberry, dark blueberry cobbler, and cassis, while the Merlot shows a brighter, riper dark cherry fruit character. The Merlot also softens the tannins and adds plushness and texture on the generous and pleasing mouthfeel. Malbec contributed dark plum and briary blackberry notes, while the Cabernet Franc and Petit Verdot completed the blend with broad nuances of violet, wild sage, and anise seed. Well integrated notes of graham cracker crust and gingerbread also tantalize your senses from the toasted oak spices – having been aged in new French oak barrels – which heighten the aromas and linger on the finish. Amazingly food friendly.

### VINTAGE

A mild winter across California led to early bud break in 2015 but limited rain and moderate temperatures throughout the growing season caused the overall length of the season to be consistent with years past. The yields in 2015 were slightly lower than the previous year, which led to exceptional quality, resulting in a Cabernet with tremendous concentration of flavors, highly saturated color, and layers of complexity.

### VINEYARD

We chose specific blocks of reserve-quality grapes that would give Tapestry the combined attributes of fruit expression and softer tannins for relatively early approachability. Half of the Cabernet Sauvignon was grown on the famous western benchlands of the Rutherford American Viticultural Area (AVA) and the balance from the Stags Leap District, Atlas Peak and Coombsville AVAs. The Merlot sourcing was split between our vineyards in the warmer parts of Carneros and the Rutherford Bench. The Cabernet Franc, Petit Verdot and Malbec came from our estate vineyards in St. Helena and Calistoga.

### WINEMAKING

We tailored the winemaking for each varietal to best capture the personality of both the vintage and specific vineyard block. Cold soaking of the destemmed grapes, gentle punch-downs in open-top fermenters and in-barrel malolactic fermentation all contributed to this wine's richly textured flavors. Aging in 60 percent new oak barrels balanced the wine's impressive depth of varietal expression with toffee and spiced nuances.



### SOURCING

100% Napa Valley

### VARIETAL COMPOSITION

75% Cabernet Sauvignon, 11% Merlot,  
7% Malbec, 4% Cabernet Franc,  
3% other (Petite Verdot)

### VINIFICATION

Aged 22 months in French, Hungarian and  
American oak (60% new barrels)

### ANALYSIS

Alc: 15.2% TA: 6.0 g/L pH: 3.6

### AGEABILITY

2018-2025