



2015  
ESTATE SELECTION  
HAPPY CANYON of SANTA BARBARA AVA

*Technical Notes*

100% Estate Grown, Produced & Bottled  
71% Cabernet Sauvignon / 9% Cabernet Franc / 9% Petit Verdot / 9% Malbec / 2% Merlot  
Harvest date: September 4 - October 1, 2015  
15.5% Alcohol • 3.85 pH

*Vinification Notes*

2015 will be remembered at Crown Point as the driest, earliest and quickest vintage in memory. The winter and spring rainfall was well below average and variable weather saw a number of hot days above 100° during the months of July and August. Although a remarkably small vintage in terms of yield, quality and fruit intensity was excellent.

The 2015 Estate Selection is representative of all five red Bordeaux varieties planted at Crown Point. The rigorous selection process starts in the vineyard and continues on through the winemaking process: only the very best lots of Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Malbec, Cabernet Franc, and Petit Verdot make the final blend. All of the lots were harvested & fermented separately, and the individual components were blended after 12 months of *élevage* in barrel. Total time in barrel was 26 months.

Release date will be April 2019.

*Winemaker Tasting Notes*

The 2015 Crown Point Estate Selection is a classically styled Bordeaux blend that not only reflects the true character of the vineyard, but also captures the unique nature of the vintage. Aromatically this wine shows off nuanced expressions of blackberries, bay leaf, and pain grillé- while peppery spice, violets, and black currant highlight the palate. Elegance personified. Structured and refined- the precise, succulent tannins are indicative of a wine with a long life ahead of it in the cellar. Drink with confidence now through decades to come.

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