

TERRA
VALENTINE



2015 Wurtele Vineyard
Cabernet Sauvignon
SPRING MOUNTAIN DISTRICT

Vineyard

- Properties: Wurtele Vineyard
- Appellation: Spring Mountain District
- Clonal Selections: clone 7
- Year planted: 1990
- Yields: 2.5 tons per acre

Growing Season

- The 2015 growing season in Napa Valley started out with unseasonably warm temperatures in the late winter and early spring. This resulted in an early bud break and bloom. Colder temperatures in May (during the peak of bloom) caused uneven fruit set, which ultimately resulted in much smaller crop in 2015, compared to both average yields and also the three abundant years that preceded it. As a result, winemakers worked hand-in-hand with vineyard crews and also employed new technologies, like optical sorting, to ensure they picked and crushed only the best quality grapes. The harvest was one of the earliest on record in Napa Valley, beginning on July 22 with the picking of grapes for sparkling wine, and concluding for most all vintners and growers in the valley by mid-October. While ongoing drought was of great concern to farmers around California, Napa Valley received 75% of normal rainfall for the water year, bringing far fewer water concerns for Napa Valley's vintners. Perhaps the most notable natural occurrence of the year was the devastating Valley Fire that broke out in Lake County to the north in mid-September. Although the fire was tragic for the Lake County residents who lost their lives and their homes, prevailing winds blew the fire's smoke away from Napa Valley. At the time of harvest, there were no reports of smoke taint affecting Napa Valley wines.
- Harvest Date: September 18, 2015
- Harvest Brix: 25.5

Winemaking

- Hand-harvested, picked at night
- Gently de-stemmed and whole berries transferred to stainless steel
- Cold soaked for 48 hours
- Inoculated with D254 yeast and fermented for 21 days on the skins
- Free run juice drained from tank, settled for 24 hours then racked to barrel
- Aged for 18 months in French oak barrels, 66% new
- Coopers: Nadalie, Orion and Ermitage
- Bottled July 2017
- 200 cases produced
- Composition-100% Cabernet Sauvignon