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FAMILY VINEYARD

2015 STAGLIANO ESTATE SANGIOVESE

Rutherford, Napa Valley

<i>Release Date</i>	March 1, 2017
<i>Harvest Dates</i>	September 4th, 2015
<i>Fermentation</i>	100% in Stainless Steel fermenter
<i>Barrel Aging</i>	16 Months, all in 500L Puncheons
<i>Oak</i>	100% French, 20% new, 80% used
<i>Blend</i>	100% Sangiovese
<i>Alcohol</i>	14.8%

Winemaker Tasting Notes



2015 was yet another superb growing season despite some of the challenges we faced with periods of high heat and low humidity. Another warm and dry winter lead to what is becoming the normal 'early' budbreak which was primed and boosted by fortuitously timed February rains. The return to warm and dry early spring pushed us through flower and fruit set before the cool spell that affected others, so we saw healthy and normal yields. Then the heat train returned and was indeed full steam ahead throughout the summer, accelerating ripeness and maturity to give us the earliest Sangiovese harvest in the last 12 years.

The 2015 Sangiovese is dark and intense, showing the extraction and power produced by the extended warm and dry conditions. The consequently thicker skins resulted in a wine of structure and dusty texture dominated by concentrated flavors of black cherry and blackberry sweetened by Black Mission fig infused with savory notes of smoked meat, aged leather and salted capers. The robust tannins show good pedigree and will age nicely allowing this wine to develop additional breadth and reveal its depth when given some time in the cellar.