

STAGLIN

FAMILY VINEYARD

2015 ESTATE CABERNET SAUVIGNON

Rutherford, Napa Valley

<i>Release Date</i>	October 1, 2018
<i>Harvest Dates</i>	September 6th - September 29th, 2015
<i>Barrel Aging</i>	20 Months
<i>Oak</i>	100% French, 92% new, 8% used
<i>Blend</i>	88% Cabernet Sauvignon, 8% Cabernet Franc, 4% Petit Verdot
<i>Alcohol</i>	14.9%

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 harvest in the last 12 years.

Invitingly warm, resinous and flirting with extremes, the decadent 2015 Staglin Cabernet is a brûléed, dark fruited marvel that thrills with its texture and layers. A mousse-like quality brings a of breath air and light to the dense, concentrated mouthfeel and softens the abundant underlying tannins that provide a pleasant grip to a powdery, fine-grained mineral driven exit that feels like the perfect hug from a distant relative.