



2015 CALLUNA VINEYARDS CUVÉE

The 2015 Calluna Vineyards Cuvée is meant to be an expression of our Chalk Hill appellation where great sunlight and a cool climate produces intense fruit in a wine with balancing acidity, round tannins and moderate alcohol levels. The blend expresses the power of Cabernet Sauvignon, elegance of Merlot and Cabernet Franc, and a bit of showiness from Malbec and Petit Verdot.

Varietal Breakdown:

51 % Merlot
19% Cabernet Sauvignon
15% Cabernet Franc
8% Malbec
7% Petit Verdot

TECHNICAL DETAILS

Appellation

Chalk Hill

Harvest dates

Malbec: September 5, 2015
Merlot: September 18, 23 & 26, 2015
Cabernet Franc: September 26, 2015
Cabernet Sauvignon: September 30, and
October 5 & 9, 2015
Petit Verdot: October 5, 2015

Winemaking

Hand-harvested, manually sorted and fermented in a traditional Bordelaise style in open-top tanks with temperature control. Bottled unfiltered.

Cooperage

21 months in 100% French oak barrels, 20% new

pH

3.61

Alcohol

13.8%

Production

1,160 cases

Release date

September 2018

Vintage

2015 will be remembered as an early year, as the California drought continued and a warm, dry winter kicked off the growing season in mid-March. And it will be known for low yields, as the region had poor fruit set due to cooler and sometimes wet weather during bloom. Calluna was down 25% after 3 relatively larger harvests. It was also a hot growing season, especially toward the end. But our sugar levels and finished alcohols are among our lowest ever because our vines slowed down as they felt the stress of the long season. Nevertheless, the grapes did develop physiologically, eliminating any green flavors and achieving good depth.

ABOUT CALLUNA VINEYARDS

Calluna Vineyards took root in Sonoma County in 2005 with 12-acres in the Chalk Hill appellation planted to the traditional Bordeaux grape varieties: Cabernet Sauvignon, Cabernet Franc, Merlot, Petit Verdot and Malbec. From its advantageous hillsides overlooking the Russian River Valley, Chalk Hill is known for its mild climate and soils of clay underlain with fractured shale and sandstone. Five more acres were added in 2014, including Sauvignon Blanc and Semillon for Calluna Estate Blanc.

DAVID A. JEFFREY, *Winemaker and Founder*

After 20 years of studying and collecting the wines of Bordeaux and California, David moved to the West Coast and enrolled in Fresno State's Enology program in 2001. Determined to make his dream a reality, David spent 3½ years studying winemaking and grape growing as he completed his degree and worked at Chateau Quinault in Bordeaux, France.