

# BARNETT VINEYARDS

*Spring Mountain District*  
NAPA VALLEY

## **Cabernet Sauvignon** **Spring Mountain District** **2015**

<b>Harvest Date:</b>	October 6 <sup>th</sup> , 8 <sup>th</sup> , 15 <sup>th</sup> , 20 <sup>th</sup> , 27 <sup>th</sup>
<b>Grape Source:</b>	Spring Mountain District (York Creek, Barnett Vineyards). All Estate
<b>Blend:</b>	84% Cabernet Sauvignon, 12% Merlot, and 4% Cabernet Franc
<b>Aging:</b>	22 months in French Oak Barrels 60% new and 30% two to five years old
<b>Alcohol:</b>	14.5%
<b>Total Production:</b>	46 Barrels made
<b>Release Date:</b>	October 2017
<b>Winemaker:</b>	David Tate

**Vintage Notes:** Our 2015 vintage was one of the lowest yields we have ever seen. At the time the vines flowered atop Spring Mountain a large wind and rain system moved in. This limited the self-pollinating of the vines and therefore led to the minuscule yield. The rest of the season was filled with a very hot summer and warm autumn with only a few showers. The grapes that did develop were tiny and intensely flavorful. The tannins emerged after only a few days of maceration which is why the Merlot fit so well into the blend, to soften the Cabernet. Sourced from our own estate and neighboring vineyards under Estate control, this concentrated Spring Mountain Cabernet Sauvignon is a great example of the layers that low yielding mountain fruit delivers.

**Winemaker Notes:** The grapes were sourced from our Estate, and neighboring York Creek Vineyards, with the entire blend being solely from the Spring Mountain Appellation and all under estate control. Each lots time frame of maceration was based individually on each lots extraction, from 15 to 19 days. Each Vineyard block was then aged separately for 22 months, the barrels being French oak and 70% new. The higher addition of Merlot helped lend a rounder mouthfeel to the chalkier tannins of this vintage, with the Cabernet Franc adding spice to the aromatics as well as further backbone.

**Tasting Notes:** The opaque dark purple color of the 2015 Spring Mountain Cabernet Sauvignon foreshadows the concentration of this wine. Layers of complex aromatics of cassis, cocoa and black coffee are complimented by anise, cedar and wet stone. The mid palate is full round and silky. Riper blackberry fruit is matched with more cedar and vanillin on the palate while layers of minerality. The tannins are chalky and round like mocha, and the acidity is balancing in its presence. This beautiful wine will age wonderfully over the next 14-15 years (2031-2032).