

LAUREL GLEN COUNTERPOINT

CABERNET SAUVIGNON

2015

SONOMA MOUNTAIN, CA

VINEYARD NOTES

Beginning in 2011, we introduced organic farming practices at Laurel Glen Vineyard and upgraded pruning and trellising methods in order to improve concentration and consistency. The changes we've made in the vineyard have increased the quality of the fruit we harvest. But the quantity of the fruit we harvest has decreased.

In addition to fruit from our estate vineyard, the 2015 Counterpoint benefits from Merlot from the venerable Pickberry Vineyard, now farmed by Ned Hill, and from Cabernet Sauvignon from the Murray Vineyard, also farmed organically.

VINTAGE NOTES

Mother Nature both blessed and cursed us in 2015. The Cabernet Sauvignon fruit we harvested at Laurel Glen Vineyard was of exceptional quality. We picked unusually tiny, intensely flavored berries. However, the quantity of fruit was heart breaking. Our yield in 2015 was less than half of what we harvested in 2014.

The original intent behind this wine had been one that was easy to enjoy and roundly approachable upon release. The 2015 vintage presented challenges and opportunities that have led to a long term stylistic evolution. Beginning with this wine, Laurel Glen Counterpoint Cabernet Sauvignon develops more depth of fruit, a richer mid-palette and more complex, fine grained tannins leading to a long, elegant finish.

WINE NOTES

"Aromatically compelling, the 2015 Laurel Glen Counterpoint springs from the glass with raspberry jam, crème de cassis, vanilla and smoke. Layered lush flavors of tangy raspberry and ripe cherry, with cocoa powder and a subtle hint of baking spices. Fresh and bright, with a focused minerality and tannins that are firm, round and delicious." - Randall Watkins, Winemaker

APPELLATION: Sonoma Mountain

VARIETAL COMPOSITION: 85% Cabernet Sauvignon, 15% Merlot

CASE PRODUCTION: 1,200 Cases

ALCOHOL: 13.9%

% NEW OAK: 30% New Tonnellerie Taransaud, 10% New Canton Cooperage

TIME IN OAK: 18 months

