

J·DAVIES

2015 CABERNET SAUVIGNON

Diamond Mountain District

The Davies family, proprietors of Schramsberg and Davies Vineyards in Napa Valley, presents its fifteenth vintage of Cabernet Sauvignon crafted from the historic Diamond Mountain vineyards they purchased in 1965. The estate vineyards were replanted to Bordeaux varietals beginning in 1994, and the J. Davies Estate Cabernet Sauvignon was first released in 2004 (2001 vintage).

J. Davies Cabernet Sauvignon is the creation of the second generation of the Davies family, the product of an intimate knowledge of a place and of a passion to create a delicious red wine. The wine is named in honor of patriarch Jack L. Davies, who along with his wife, Jamie, revived the Schramsberg property and established the preeminent American sparkling wine house over 50 years ago.

The vineyard blocks, totaling 41 acres, are laid out in three isolated pockets ranging from approximately 550 to 1,000 feet in elevation. They include the two Schram sections, Napa Valley's first hillside vineyards, originally established in 1862 by Jacob Schram. The third piece is the adjacent McEachran parcel, which was first planted by Colin McEachran in 1878 and was purchased by Schramsberg in 1985. These are the southernmost vineyards in the Diamond Mountain District AVA. Flanked by two cool creek canyons (Nash Creek to the north and Ritchie Creek to the south) and surrounded by dense coniferous and deciduous forests, the vines here produce late-ripening, richly concentrated fruit with average yields of just two tons per acre.

The 2015 vintage will be remembered for high quality, and low yields. The growing season started with unseasonably warm temperatures in late winter and early spring resulting in an early bud break and bloom. Cooler temperatures in May led to uneven fruit set. These conditions resulted in small clusters of grapes with highly concentrated flavors.



Tasting Notes

"This Cabernet opens with rich aromas of blackberry, cherry and dried floral elements, accentuated by undertones of vanilla, clove and milk chocolate. Integrated tannins anchor the wine's well-structured palate, where a concentrated and powerful entry of plum, black currant and raspberry leads to a smooth finish with a touch of cocoa powder and graphite."

- Winemakers Sean Thompson and Hugh Davies

- Consulting Winemaker Celia Welch

Varietal Composition:

79% Cabernet Sauvignon, 16% Malbec, 2% Merlot,

2% Petit Verdot, 1% Cabernet Franc

Appellation:

Diamond Mountain District, Napa Valley, Estate Grown

Vineyards:

J. Davies Estate

Barrel Aging:

24 months in French oak, 88% new

Coopers:

Atelier, Vicard, Taransaud, Marques, Boutes

Alcohol:

14.7%

TA:

0.60 g/100 mL

pH:

3.85

Harvest Dates:

September 11 – October 22, 2015

Bottling Date:

August 14, 2017

Release Date:

September 1, 2018

Cases Produced:

1,200 (9-Liter)

Suggested Retail:

\$115

Available Formats:

750 mL, 1.5 L, 3 L

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