

# 2015 CALDWELL SILVER

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Vintage: Sixteenth  
Composition: 34% Merlot, 29% Cabernet Franc, 24% Malbec,  
8% Petit Verdot, 4% Cabernet Sauvignon, 1% Syrah  
Clones: Merlot-181, Cabernet Franc-332, Malbec-595,  
Petit Verdot-400, Cabernet Sauvignon-337  
Appellation: Napa Valley, Coombsville District  
Vineyard: Caldwell Vineyard Estate, established 1981  
Block: 8, 10, 15 & 17  
Yield: 2.5 Tons per Acre  
Average Vine Age: 22 Years  
Grape Varieties: Merlot, Cabernet Franc, Malbec, Petit Verdot,  
Cabernet Sauvignon  
Rootstock: 3309, 5BB, 5C

Vintage Summary: The 2015 growing season started with a very early bud break due to a warm fall. Less than ideal conditions during bloom resulted in a challenging set. Warmer conditions continued through an early veraison in July. With the lighter crop, sugars rose faster than anticipated and harvest came historically early.

The 2015 vintage had lack of uniformity within the clusters and lighter canopies compared to 2012, 2013 and 2014, and vineyard yield was down at least 30% across all varieties. Berry sizes also varied widely within varieties because of the challenging set.

Harvest Date: Various  
Fermentation: Tank and New French Oak 59-Gal Barrels  
Yeast: Natural  
ML: Natural  
Wood Origin: 100% French (Allier, Tronçais, Vosges)  
Aging: 21 Months in Barrel  
New Oak Barrels: 100%  
Fining: None  
Filtering: Filtered  
Alcohol: 15.0%  
Bottled on: June 21, 2017  
Winemaker's Tasting Notes: The bright raspberry attack leads to a structured mouth of cherry, blackcurrant, pomegranate, and black tea leaf with hints of bell pepper. Structured, dark chocolate tannins dissolve into a long, sweet, red currant finish.  
Cellaring: 2–8 Years  
Production: 231 Cases  
Price: \$175 / 750ml

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