WINEMAKER NOTES / TECHNICAL SHEET

MONTICELLO

2015 CABERNET SAUVIGNON
'JEFFERSON CUVEE'

VARIETAL COMPOSITION
76 % Cabernet Sauvignon
16 % Merlot
8 % Merlot

APPELLATION COMPOSITION
100 % Napa Valley. Including :
State Lane Vineyard, Yountville (Cabernet Sauvignon)
Monticello Vineyard, Oak Knoll District (Cabernet Sauvignon)
Tietjen Vineyard, Rutherford (Cabernet Sauvignon)
Yewell Vineyard, St. Helena (Cabernet Sauvignon)
Knollwood Vineyard, Oak Knoll District (Cabernet Sauvignon)
Monticello Vineyard, Oak Knoll District (Cabernet Franc)
Knollwood Vineyard, Oak Knoll District (Merlot)

ALCOHOL 14.5 % Alc 6.3 g/L TA 3.68 pH

PRODUCTION 2400 Cases

HARVEST INFO
Multiple Lots Picked Between September 11 – September 30, 2015. Hand-Picked and Hand-Sorted.
100 % Tank Fermented with Cultured Yeast.

AGING NOTES
Aged 20 Months in French Oak Barrels. 1/3 New French Oak.

VINTAGE / WINEMAKING NOTES
We're very excited about the 2015 vintage. As of the time of this writing, the 2015 vintage represents the fourth of five consecutive years of phenomenal quality wines from our vineyards and across Napa Valley. 2015 remained a relatively dry growing season, and the crop yields across our different vineyards was generally lower than normal. The fruit displayed great purity and intensity, which was translated quite well through to the finished wines. The growing season was relatively consistent, with no major heat spikes. In general, the wines from 2015 are displaying ripe fruit, great structure and balance.

Our Cabernet Sauvignon vineyards were picked separately between September 11 – September 30, to ensure optimal ripeness for each individual site. As a whole, this is an earlier year for us than normal. The vineyards and blocks were crushed and fermented separately, then blended over three different blending sessions during the 22 months aging in barrels. The flavors and aromas that developed in the fermenters and during barrel aging were fantastic, and following these wines' progress through the barrel aging was a winemaking pleasure.

TASTING NOTES
I find dark, luscious aromas of boysenberry, blackberry, anise with undercurrents of lightly toasted oak and hints of vanilla. The lighter tones from the barrels are a nice balance to the dark tones of the wine. On the palate the wine is rich in texture, with a full-bodied midpalate, moderate tannins which frame the wine very nicely, and a very long, lingering finish.

AGING Drink 2017 - 2042.

SERVING Decant 30-60 Minutes Prior to Serving.