

ACUMEN
Napa Valley

2015

Mountainside

CABERNET SAUVIGNON

TASTING NOTES

With a rich garnet color, this full-bodied wine opens with aromas of violets, Bing cherry, cranberry sauce, and chaparral, with a hint of dried rose petals and crisp linen. On the palate we find flavors of Luxardo cherries, Carpano vermouth, dark chocolate covered strawberries, red plums, and mint tea, with fine grained tannins and hints of freshly turned earth and mahogany on the long and persistent finish.

.....
18 months in 100% French Oak, 72% new
76% Cabernet Sauvignon, 8% Cabernet Franc,
7% Merlot, 5% Malbec, 4% Petit Verdot

13.9% ABV; 1000 9L cases produced
.....

2015 VINTAGE NOTES

The year started with warm temperatures in winter and early spring that resulted in early bud-break and bloom. Colder temperatures in May produced some shatter that resulted in a much smaller crop than normal. The growing season was accelerated for many on the Valley floor, but with our elevation and cooler temperatures, we started a little closer to normal. Unfortunately, this vintage will also be remembered along with the devastating Valley fire in Lake County. While we could see the huge columns of smoke from the deck of the Acumen House, prevailing winds spared the vineyards any smoke taint. The 2015 vintage gave us small, open clusters of excellent quality.

