

# MIRROR

## 2015 NAPA VALLEY CABERNET SAUVIGNON

### VINEYARD

Venge Vineyard & Larkmead Vineyard, Calistoga AVA

### WINEMAKING

Hand harvested on a late September dawn, the deep-rooted Calistoga vines yielded a beautiful 2015 crop expressive of its volcanic and alluvial soils at the foot of Napa Valley's Palisades: limited vigor due to a dry year, but with healthy clusters and juicy berries. After easy sorting and quick destemming, gently crushed grapes began a 3-day cold soak for optimal color extraction and tannin stabilization. Onset of fermentation came with steadily rising temperatures, leveling out in the high 80s°F and finishing strong with a full month on the skins. Barreled down to 100% new French Oak, allowing for a slow native malolactic fermentation over its first 8 months sur lie. With a total 30 months in barrel, this wine will continue to age to perfection over as many years in bottle.

### WINEMAKER AND PHILOSOPHY

Kirk Venge follows his father's creed, "making wine in the vineyard," and his grandfather's footsteps, on the Napa Valley soils where he was born and raised. Deep roots and decades' experience have affirmed his approach from bud-break to barrel, from berry to bottle: "We garden our grapes." A taste of true terroir... born in the vineyard, and raised in your glass.

### TASTING NOTES

Hailing from the northernmost end of Napa Valley comes this eclectic and sensational Cabernet Sauvignon. The '15 Mirror is black and comes off at the onset with an incredible, elixir-like nose, of dried currant, plum reduction, blackberry and a touch of seductive French Oak barrel vanillin. The mouth is true to the nose and follows the same lead with full, flush black fruit feel. Clean, correct and concise. The 30 months of ageing in 100% new French Oak, and the right kiss of heady Malbec for added presence and support. This silky wine is complete and drinks incredibly well at a youthful age! I believe cellared correctly, this wine will drink as well now as it will in 10 years, and even beyond past 15.

### TECHNICAL DATA

Varietal: 95% Cabernet Sauvignon, 5% Malbec

Appellation: Calistoga, Napa Valley

Alcohol: 15.1%

### HARVEST DATA

Date: September 26th, 2015

pH: 3.94

Total Acidity: 0.68 gm / 100 ml

### RELEASE INFORMATION

Release Date: Fall 2018

Total Production: 114 cases

Retail: \$95.00 / 750 mL