

# DISTRICT 7



## 2015 CABERNET SAUVIGNON

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Our name? While you may think it represents a riveting story of mystery, intrigue and rebellion with a hint of romance, District 7 actually refers to our official regional designation. There are 17 grape crushing districts in California and Monterey County is number 7. Fortunately, our AVA is much more than just a prime number. Most aficionados recognize Monterey County as one of the most amazingly beautiful and diverse winegrowing regions in the world. Our climate and soils are complex and our wines are refreshing and delicious.

### VINEYARDS

The 2015 District 7 Cabernet Sauvignon combines fruit from two estate vineyards in southern Monterey County. Our Hames Valley Vineyard is located near the border of San Luis Obispo County. Sheltered from the afternoon winds, it possesses the largest diurnal temperature swings in the county. The combination of warm days, crisp nights and an incredibly long growing season makes this an ideal locale for big, tannic reds. Our San Lucas Vineyard is in the San Lucas AVA. (What are the odds of that?) This is Monterey County's climatic tipping point for Bordeaux red varieties with days that are warm and sunny and nights that are cold and calm.

### VINTAGE

The 2015 growing season was picture perfect. It featured cool mornings, warm afternoons and temperate nights with no late frosts, little rain and few severe heat spikes. The fruit achieved full physiological maturity with balanced acidity and moderate sugar levels.

### WINEMAKING

The grapes were harvested in the early morning hours based on ripeness, acidity, pH and seed color. In the winery, the fruit was sorted, crushed and fermented in small lots. Gentle handling and minimal intervention preserved the integrity of the variety and the character of the individual sites.

### TASTING NOTES

Our 2015 validates the extraordinary promise of southern Monterey County Cabernet Sauvignon. This is a big, dark, fruit-infused wine packed with blackberries, raspberries and cassis. On the palate, it is substantial and luscious with layers of ripe fruit supported by well-integrated tannins. Powerful, yet silky smooth, our 2015 Cabernet Sauvignon is the ideal match for grilled meats or hearty stews.

### WINE FACTS

APPELLATION: **Monterey**

VINEYARD: **Hames Valley & San Lucas**

COMPOSITION: **100% Cabernet Sauvignon**

COOPERAGE: **25% new American and 5% new Hungarian oak for 12 months**

ALCOHOL: **13.5%**

PH: **3.79**

TA: **6.3 g/L**

CRAFTED FROM 100% ESTATE GROWN WINE GRAPES

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