



HILL FAMILY
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2015 Double Barrel Cabernet Sauvignon

Production: 50 cases and 10 3L

Composition: 81% Cabernet Sauvignon, 7% Malbec, 6% Merlot and 6% Petit Verdot

Vineyards: Baker, Windy Flats, Beau Terre and Flat Rock

Appellations: Atlas Peak, Yountville, Oak Knoll and Carneros

Cooperage: 100% in new French oak barrels for 20 months (Darnajou, Taransaud, and Treuil)

Alcohol: 14.8% alc, 3.78 pH, 0.6 TA

Bottling date: 8/21/17

Release date: Fall 2018

Release price: \$150.00

Double Barrel is a small select blend that we make from our most serious lots of Cabernet Sauvignon. We unapologetically make this wine for collectors and do not expect it to reveal its intense charm and elegance for many years. Our 2015 Double Barrel is made from our high elevation Baker Vineyard in the Atlas Peak appellation, from our Windy Flats Vineyard in the western cliffs of Wooden Valley, and from the gravelly soils of the Beau Terre Vineyard in Oak Knoll. Merlot from the cooler Napa Carneros adds elegance, and the Malbec and Petit Verdot broaden the focus and add to the structure. 150% new French oak is necessary to balance and refine a robust Cabernet Sauvignon like this, and even though we know it is there, all the oak still plays only a supporting role. With no fining or filtration, this wine is ready to age and grow for a long time.

Winemaker Alison Doran's tasting notes:

The 2015 Double Barrel has deep, fascinating aromas of cassis and ripe blackberry, unfolding to dark spicy clove, black licorice and maple sugar. The palate is velvety and smooth for such a big rich wine. Dark chocolate and vanilla open to flavors of blackberry with a polished juicy finish.