

ALEXANDER VALLEY VINEYARDS



Limited production wines that focus on some of the *best and unique* lots of wine harvested each year. Winemaker Kevin Hall creates wines showcasing unique varietals, techniques or vineyard sites. Each hand crafted wine is small production, uniquely different and one of a kind.
750ml 6 bottle case Allocated

The 2015 Series: Cabernet Sauvignon

Hank Wetzel produced AVV's first wines in 1975 and the wine world quickly took notice of the elegant Cabernet Sauvignons from our winery. Thirty years later in 2004 he decided to focus on the flavor profile that made the valley famous, releasing a single vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon known as Alexander School Reserve. We continue that tradition with this newest release, a testament to AVV Winemaker Kevin Hall's skill and the Alexander Valley's unique ability to grow amazing Cabernet Sauvignon grapes.

We harvested the fruit for this vintage from a five acre vineyard in front of the winery that was planted in 1995 - 1998 to Clone 337. Winemaker Kevin Hall says "this is one of my favorite blocks of Cabernet Sauvignon on the property, producing small berries with intense color, rich flavors and incredible concentration". A cool spring, rain at bloom and hot July along with the continued effects from the lack of rain contributed to lower yields once again in 2015. While yields were reduced, the grapes had superb fruit flavors at harvest. After harvest this lot was de-stemmed, fermented, then aged in new French oak barrels for 26 months.

Aromas of cassis, black cherry, plum, oak, vanilla, chocolate and hint of menthol fill the glass. This is a smooth wine with flavors of cassis, cherry, plum, vanilla and chocolate. The 2015 is a silky wine with loads of texture, well integrated tannins and flavors that linger for a long time, giving you a chance to reflect on the history and tradition of Alexander Valley Vineyards and Cabernet Sauvignon.

Food Pairing: Beef, lamb and duck are always a perfect pairing.

Accolades: **2015: 91 points** - *Wine Advocate*
2015: 98 points - *Beverage Dynamics/Cheers*
2015: 92 points - *Decanter World Wine Awards*
2015: Gold Medal - *S.A.L.E. International Wine Competition*

Profile:

- Rich concentrated with silky tannins
- Cassis, black cherry and vanilla

About Alexander Valley Vineyards:

Harry and Maggie Wetzel purchased 600 acres of Cyrus Alexander's 1840's homestead in 1962. They started planting grapes in 1963 and from the beginning they realized that the property that stretched from the banks of the Russian River to the hillsides of the Mayacamas Mountains was a very special place. The Wetzel Family Estate has a rich diversity of soil types, elevations, exposures and microclimates giving AVV winemaker Kevin Hall grapes that showcase the terroir and the special place that we call home, Alexander Valley.



Technical Data:

Grapes: 100% Cabernet Sauvignon
Harvest Dates: September 10, 2015
Barrel regimen: 26 months aging in French Oak barrels medium plus toast with toasted heads, 100% new
Alcohol: 14.4% **pH:** 3.34 **TA:** 7.05 g/L
Cases: 1100 cases **Closure:** Cork
UPC: 0-85798 10006-4



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