



TWOMEY

2015 SODA CANYON RANCH MERLOT NAPA VALLEY

TASTING NOTES

APPEARANCE

Rose petal red

AROMAS

Blackcurrant syrup, slow cooked brisket, cumin and pepper with light floral notes of violet and dry chamomile

PALATE

Sweet and tart with a fruit-forward attack of black cherry, plum and pomegranate

MOUTHFEEL

Density without heaviness and rounded tannins

FINISH

Juicy and seamless finish that lingers

AGEABILITY

2033 given proper cellaring conditions

PAIRING

Roasted duck peking style with hoisin sauce; grilled lamb with chimichurri sauce

NOTES FROM THE VINEYARD

2015 was not an average vintage. Coupled with a cool spring and its associated challenges for bloom, this fourth consecutive year of drought yielded earlier ripening, smaller berries, a lighter crop and a condensed harvest season. We saw budbreak in mid March, and intermittent heat spikes followed between June and October.

Veraison and harvest also commenced earlier than usual, in July and at the end of August, respectively. A thinner-skinned and earlier ripening variety than Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot performed well as these conditions resulted in denser color and phenolic structure. Overall, 2015 was a scarce, yet stunning vintage featuring a layered intensity of flavors and complex aromas that will age beautifully.

VINEYARD

Soda Canyon Ranch

COMPOSITION

81.7% Merlot, 14.9% Cabernet Franc, 3.4% Petit Verdot

HARVEST DATES

August 31-September 18, 2015

ALCOHOL

14.8%

AVERAGE BRIX

24.9°

BARREL AGING

13 months

BARRELS

French Oak: 30% new, 30% one-used, 22% older
Stainless Steel: 18%

RELEASE DATE

April 2019