



POPE VALLEY WINERY

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2015 Merlot

Napa Valley

Vineyard Details:

Owned by the Eakle family Pope Valley Winery is located in the northeastern hills just beyond Howell Mountain in Napa Valley. Our two estate vineyards with a combined 80 planted acres, at the winery and our Eakle Ranch vineyard, yield rich distinctive wines characteristic of the terroir. Our wines showcase the mineral complexity of the soils -Pleasanton loam and Bressa-Dibble complex. Pope Valley is a warm growing climate with cool evenings and mornings which allow the grapes to hang on the vine long enough to ripen to their fullest potential yet cool enough at night to develop complex varietal aromas. Pope Valley wines express the historic, rustic character that established Napa Valley as one of the premier growing regions in the world.

Winemaking notes:

Berries were 100% destemmed to tank and fermented over the course of 18 days. Upon pressing the wine was racked to 60gal French oak barrels of which 30% were new where it rested for 35 months.

Tasting Notes:

Softened from extended barrel age, the 2015 offering is on the dark, dense end of the Merlot spectrum. Framed by baking spices namely cardamom, nutmeg, and clove, the wine's cassis core is persistent from start to finish. A touch of Mandarin orange rind on the back end provides an unexpected aromatic lift.

Wine Details

Blend: 100% Merlot

Alcohol: 14.1%

pH: 3.67

RS: .72 g/l

Oak Profile: French Oak, 30% new

Barrel Aging: 35 months

Vineyard: Eakle Ranch

Appellation: Napa Valley

Bottling Date: 8/9/18

Release Date: 10/1/18

Cases Produced: 205

Aging Potential: 3-5 Years

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