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## 2015 MERLOT

Heritage Selection, Estate Vineyard, Sonoma Valley

### COMPOSITION

95% Merlot  
3% Cabernet Sauvignon  
2% Petit Verdot

### WINEMAKING

3-to-5-day cold soak  
Extraction through gentle pump-overs  
Lees stirring for 4 months during  
secondary fermentation

### COOPERAGE

17 months  
100% French oak, 60% new  
Nadalie

### ALC/pH/ACID

Alc: 14.8%  
pH: 3.76  
TA: 0.52 g/100mL

### CASES PRODUCED

213 cases  
Released September 2018

### SUGGESTED RETAIL PRICE

\$65.00

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### VINTAGE NOTES

Small in quantity but huge in quality and concentration. Yields were naturally down after three large harvests, and some inclement weather in the spring further limited the size. Vines had no problems fully ripening a smaller crop during the early starting growing season, resulting in small but extremely concentrated, flavorful berries. Stellar, intense wines and tannins with great aging potential.

### VINEYARD INFORMATION

Eight miles north of San Pablo Bay, the Bundschu family's 158 year-old vineyard wraps around the southwest slopes of the Mayacamas Mountains. The terrain features steep, southwest-facing hillsides of shallow, rocky soils of volcanic ash and alluvial wash. Pervasive maritime breezes and long daylight exposure allow fruit to develop intense concentration while retaining vibrant structure. Two distinct blocks of Merlot have consistently produced top lots with the greatest complexity, concentration and balance. Each vintage, the top five barrels from these lots are selected for this distinctive bottling.

### TASTING NOTES

The 2015 vintage is known for power and concentration. The specially-selected block of Merlot that goes into our limited-production Heritage Selection Merlot is known for power and concentration. Yet, when combined with a talented winemaking team, the knockout 2015 Heritage Merlot is all elegance and balance. Invitingly rich aromas of purple flowers, mixed berry jam, and mulling spices lead to an equally lush palate of dark berries, plum, savory earth and chocolate. Richness in flavor is contrasted by a decidedly medium body, and balanced with palate cleansing acidity and subtle, supple tannins. An exceptionally long, lingering finish suggests a powerful future over the next 5-20 years.