



## 2015 Cabernet Sauvignon, Kairos Vineyard Napa Valley

Founded in 1991 by Michael Dragutsky, Cornerstone Cellars is the quintessential Napa Valley mountain and benchland producer of Cabernet Sauvignon. Our winemaking led by Kari Auringer honors Napa Valley's great heritage by crafting intense, elegant and balanced wines that stand among the very best winegrowing estates in the world. Through intellectual rigor, humility, and with the utmost respect for the land, Cornerstone Cellars aims to make wines that truly speak to its exceptional vineyard sites in the most authentic and genuine way possible.



### Vintage Notes

After record setting rain in December, followed by the driest January on record, the 2015 vintage started earlier than previous years. The four years of California drought continued to have an effect. Budbreak came early, but a long cool, overcast May slowed everything down a bit. The summer provided moderate temperatures with only a couple of heat spikes, giving us near-ideal growing conditions. Overall the yields were lower, but we are excited about the quality.

### Tasting Notes

Deep, dark and brooding with abundant aromas of dark chocolate, black licorice and ripe blueberries. Big, bold and concentrated on entry, with layers of black fruit, cassis and sweet vanilla. The core is complex with layers of red and black summer fruit, cigar box and toasted brioche. The finish is polished and lingers with balanced acidity and enough backbone to warrant some cellar aging. Past vintages from this lovely, organically farmed vineyard suggest that patience in the cellar will be rewarded.

### Winemaking Notes

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| Vintage:     | 2015   |
| Appellation: | Napa Valley  |
| Vineyard:    | Kairos Vineyard                                    |
| Varietals:   | 98% Cabernet Sauvignon, Clone 4<br>2% Petit Verdot |
| Alcohol:     | 14.9%  |
| Cooperage:   | 70% New French oak barrels, 30% neutral oak        |
| Production:  | 230 Cases  |
| Retail:      | \$95   |