



CORNERSTONE  
CELLARS • NAPA VALLEY

## 2015 Rutherford Cabernet Sauvignon

Founded in 1991 by Michael Dragutsky, Cornerstone Cellars is the quintessential Napa Valley mountain and benchland producer of Cabernet Sauvignon. Our winemaking led team 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.



### 2015 Vintage

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 on the vineyards. 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 continue to be excited about the quality.

### The Appellation

This vineyard lies in the sweetspot of the Napa Valley, planted on the gravelly bed of an ancient stream, known as the Rutherford bench. The valley floor tends to produce broader, bigger, more lush wines compared to the mountain vineyards.

### 2015 Tasting Notes

From a spectacular vintage, this gorgeous wine is deep and dark in color. Succulent aromas of black cherry, plum and spice lift out of the glass. The textural richness at its core embraces layers of rich dark chocolate, black cherry and a touch of licorice on the palate. Plush and seductive, this elegant wine is balanced with a velvety mouthfeel. The textural richness lingers on a lengthy finish that is both juicy and supple.

### 2015 Winemaking Notes

|              |   |
|--------------|---|
| Vintage:     | 2015  |
| Appellation: | 100% Rutherford, Napa Valley                  |
| Vineyard:    | 100% Famous Rutherford Vineyard               |
| Varietals:   | 100% Cabernet Sauvignon                       |
| Alcohol:     | 14.9%   |
| Cooperage:   | 80% New French oak Barrels<br>20% neutral oak |
| Production:  | 345 6-Pack Cases                              |

Cornerstone Cellars 1465 1st Street Napa, CA. 94559 Tastings@cornerstonecellars.com 707-945-0388