

## 2015 EISELE VINEYARD 'ALTAGRACIA' CABERNET SAUVIGNON

## WINEGROWING INFORMATION

A mild and exceptionally dry winter led to early bud break, followed by the earliest bloom on record at the end of April. Fruit set was harmonious across the parcels showing once again the strength of the old vines and remarkable consistency of the terroir. While a cool May exposed the region to shatter and very low yields, the vines of Eisele Vineyard were protected by early growth and well-balanced canopies. Warm days through the summer fostered steady ripening, leading to the September 5 start of our Cabernet harvest, the earliest since 2001. The fruit received at the winery was of exceptional quality. Harvest ended on September 15th.

The Eisele Vineyard grapes are certified 'Organic' by CCOF and 'Biodynamic' by Demeter.

## TASTING NOTES

Our winemaking team notes: "The 2015 vintage is full of energy. The nose opens with a very expressive bouquet of summer fruit: dark cherry, raspberry and boysenberries with notes of vanilla and cinnamon. The attack is voluminous and round with layered blue fruits sustained by a hint of graphite on the long finish, bringing delicious minerality and freshness. The tannins are very fine and tightly knit. The ripeness of the fruit transitions effortlessly into intense dark and earthy aromas. This is a great Altagracia with an outgoing personality."

**GRAPE SOURCE** 

88% Cabernet Sauvignon 7% Cabernet Franc 5% Petit Verdot Napa Valley

1,978 cases made

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