



## 2015 Keever Vineyards Cabernet Sauvignon Napa Valley



<i>Release Date</i>	September 2018 – 836 Cases
<i>Release Price</i>	\$135
<i>Appellation</i>	Napa Valley
<i>Winemaking Team</i>	Bill and Olga Keever, Vintners Celia Welch, Winemaker
<i>Varietal Composition</i>	100% Cabernet Sauvignon
<i>Alcohol</i>	14.9% alcohol
<i>Cooperage</i>	French Oak barrels (50% new)

### **Tasting Notes**

This fully ripe Cabernet Sauvignon shows intensely aromatic tones of spiced plums, cranberry, cherry tobacco, fresh sage, and a note of warm toasty vanilla. On the palate the texture is immediately broad and plush, with bright, fresh berry notes and dusty mocha/dark cherry flavors both simultaneously enveloping the palate. The finish displays surprisingly resolved tannins given the overall weight of the wine, and fades to a lingering impression of fresh cherry.

In 2015, late Spring rains interrupted pollination of the grape flowers, resulting in a much-reduced number of grapes on each cluster. This smaller crop size gave us outstanding flavor concentration and a lovely uniformity of ripeness throughout our vineyards, as evidenced by the structure and texture in the finished wine. Harvested by hand between September 17 and September 25, 2015, the grapes were sorted by hand twice, then fermented on skins for an average of four weeks before the wine was transferred to French oak barrels. Each batch of fruit was kept separate for the first 12 months, then blended and allowed to marry in the barrels for an additional eight months prior to bottling in late May, 2017. 836 cases produced. – Celia Welch