

Charles Krug

2015 MERLOT

ESTATE GROWN — NAPA VALLEY



THE WINE

Our Napa Valley Merlot has expressive aromas of ripe red and black fruit followed by hints of spice. Supple body and medium tannins envelop flavors of berry and cherry which linger on the palate through a long, smooth finish.

THE VINTAGE

Most notably, the 2015 vintage for Napa Valley was earlier to start and earlier to finish. The weather played a significant part; most of our rain fell in December of 2014, and the following months were much drier and by mid-summer, warmer than usual.

After three seasons of high yield, we were due for a correction, and between some cooler weather during set in May, and possibly less water in the soil due to the lack of rain, we did harvest significantly less fruit. However, all the virtues of a smaller crop – small berries, concentrated flavors, good aromatics – are present in the wines.

WINE FACTS

Varietals — 89% Merlot, 7% Petit Verdot,
3% Cabernet Sauvignon, 1% Malbec

Time in barrel — 18 months in French oak

Bottled — August 2017

Alcohol — 14.7%

pH — 3.64

TA — 0.66g/100ml