

THE VOICE

CABERNET BLEND,
SINGLE VINEYARD – MOUNT VEEDER

NAPA VALLEY, 2015

"EXTRA AÑEJO"
Batch #42

"I've enjoyed a lifelong of fascination, savoring the taste of oak and its influence in wine and spirits. While Cognac can rest in fine French oak barrels for over a century, wine in Napa rarely ages in oak barrels for more than 2 years.

In 2015, Extra Añejo tequila was a daily vice. It helped sparked this experiment of aging a Napa cab for 5 years in oak barrels; similar aging time of a fine Extra Añejo tequila.

Batch #42 is a rare opportunity to savor a Napa Cab, from the finest terroir of Mount Veeder, and aged to perfection beyond any debatable time boundaries."
Malek Amrani

2015 VINTAGE

The 4th consecutive year of a historic drought challenged the vines to only yield their best grapes in a record low quantity. While harvest was small and the grapes were also tiny in size; the wine showed massive concentration of flavors in its youth, with longevity & energy in the cellar.

VINEYARD

USDA Certified Organic vineyard. Located in the Mayacamas mountains range, above the fog line and up to 2400 feet of elevation. The vineyard is on a slope with shallow topsoil and minimal water retention. Vineyard pruning and labor are also minimal, due to the steep conditions.

THE CABERNET BLEND

62% of Cabernet Franc and 38 % of Cabernet Sauvignon was the initial blend. 2% of angel's share evaporated overtime from the barrels, and which we replaced with Merlot from the same vineyard.

Cabernet Franc, the parent grape of both Cabernet Sauvignon and Merlot, is the backbone of the "Extra Añejo". It showed wisdom in barrels and now elegance in the glass. Cabernet Sauvignon offers youthful energy and power to the blend, making it a rare Napa Cab of its own class.

TASTING NOTES

***Minimum 1 hour of Decanting is highly recommended

A wide array of notes emerges from the “Extra Añejo” as it breathes in the decanter (or in your glass). Bouquet of sandalwood, leather, roasted hazelnut first show up on the nose, then backed with vanilla, Connecticut cigar wrap and Iris flower.

The flavor profile of the palate is multi-dimensional. Velvety texture reminiscent of crème Chantilly with Maraschino cherry, goji berry and blueberry fruit notes as an entrance. An umami filled mid-palate of white truffles, dried sage and crème de cassis make the way for an “Extra long” finish with hints of leather and Calabria pepper.

- 61% Cabernet Franc, 37% Cabernet Sauvignon (topped off with 2% Merlot)
- 60 months of aging in French Oak barrels. (*One new barrel of medium toast + 2 neutral barrels*)
- USDA Certified Organic Vineyard.
- 888 bottles only made.
- Release date February 11th 2021 @ Napa Valley Vintners Premiere Library Auction Event

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