

2015 THE GRADE CELLARS "Kingly Project" Cabernet Sauvignon



Variety: 100% Cabernet Sauvignon

Appellation: Napa Valley | Calistoga Sub-AVA

Proprietors: Brenda Mixson & Tom Thornton

Winemaker: Thomas Rivers Brown

Release Date: September 2018

Release Price: \$175 retail per 750ml

Vineyard: Winfield Vineyard (100% Estate Grown)

Old Toll Road, Calistoga, CA

Harvest Date: September 26, 2015

Vines: Block 5 – Clone 337 on R/S SO4

Cooperage: 100% French Oak from Taransaud and Jarnac (90% new)

Aging: 20 months; Bottled June 21, 2017

Panel: 14.7 % Alcohol; 3.83 pH; 6.0 g/L Titratable Acidity

Production: 100 cases

Winemaker's Tasting Notes:

"The Kingly Project reigns supreme in 2015.

"The wine boasts a noble purple hue in the glass. Aromatic notes suggest spiced plum sauce, vanilla bean, nutmeg, graphite and eucalyptus. These elements are all so seamlessly integrated they take on a uniform aroma that is both exotic and comforting.

"This wine has a voluptuous, coating mouth feel suggesting notes of cassis, crushed blackberry, forest floor, star anise, and crushed river rock. The drawn out finish trails away like the train on a cape, dazzling and plush. This wine has a very smooth, balanced trajectory from start to finish and will offer a wealth of riches for a long time to come."

-- Thomas Brown