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2015 THE GRADE CELLARS “Winfield Vineyard” 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:	\$110 retail per 750ml
Vineyard:	Winfield Vineyard (100% Estate Grown) Old Toll Road, Calistoga, CA
Harvest Date:	Block 1 – September 19, 2015; Block 4 – October 3, 2015; Block 5 – September 26, 2015
Vines:	Block 1 – Clone 7 on R/S 110R; Block 4 – Clone 337 on R/S 101-14; Block 5 – Clone 337 on R/S SO4
Cooperage:	100% French Oak from Treuil and Jarnac (60% new)
Aging:	20 months; Bottled June 21, 2017
Panel:	14.5% Alcohol; 3.83 pH; 6.0 g/L Titratable Acidity
Production:	530 cases

Winemaker's Tasting Notes:

“Experiencing this wine is akin to being flooded by a blanket of warm light. Coming back to this wine year after year is a reminder that the Winfield Vineyard is a very giving site, producing wines that have so much to say in a broad, resonant tone.”

“The flavors are lush, sumptuous and deeply expressive. The wine shows off a regal, deep plum hue in the glass. Aromas of clove oil, peppermint, beef blood, iron, and crushed blackberries can be detected even before putting your nose in the glass. The mouth feel of this wine is incredibly sleek.”

“The trajectory, from entry to finish, is marked by notes of cassis reduction, fresh loam, lilac, toasted cedar bark, black cherry, and distressed leather. The finely integrated tannin structure and fresh minerality provide an uplifting effect on the palate. The long airy finish is filled with light floral and red fruit notes that go on for nearly a minute.”

-- Thomas Brown