



CORNERSTONE

CELLARS • NAPA VALLEY

2015 GSM

Grenache/Syrah/Mourvedre
David Girard Vineyard
El Dorado

About El Dorado

- El Dorado is a sub-appellation of the expansive Sierra Foothills AVA
- The AVA is defined by an elevation of 1,200 to 3,500 feet
- El Dorado is cooled by elevation rather than by the fog that is common to the coastal regions
- David Girard Vineyard is located at 1,330 feet elevation and has 40 acres of hillside vineyards planted to several Rhone varietals including Mourvedre, Grenache, Marsanne, Roussanne and Viognier

2015 Vintage

The 2015 vintage in El Dorado, started earlier than previous years and finished sooner than usual. The four years of California drought continues to have a visible effect. Overall, the yields were lower but we are excited about the quality, bringing vibrant acidity and bright aromatics.

2015 Tasting Notes

A slow, cool fermentation helped preserve the lively aromatics of cherry lifesavers, chocolate, black fruit, earthy sage, accented with a hint of vanilla. On the palate you'll find a juicy fruit-focused core of blackberry and boysenberry dancing with baking spices, licorice and the suggestion of cured meat. The wine finishes playfully, evolving into a candy store assortment of licorice, vanilla, and cherry Jolly ranchers. The bright acidity that lingers is refreshing and balanced.

2015 Winemaking Notes

Vintage: 2015
Appellation: El Dorado
Varietals: 53% Mourvedre
42% Grenache
5% Syrah
Alcohol: 14.1%
Cooperage: 20% New French oak Barrels, 80% neutral oak
Production: 350 Cases
Retail: \$30