



CORNERSTONE

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2015 Oakville Station Merlot

2015 Vintage

After record setting rain in December, followed by the driest January on record, the 2015 vintage started earlier than previous years. The four years of California drought continued to have an effect. Budbreak came early, but a long cool, overcast May slowed everything down a bit. The summer provided moderate temperatures with only a couple of heat spikes, giving us near-ideal growing conditions. Overall the yields were lower but we are excited about the quality.

Tasting Notes:

The first swirl of the glass reveals complex aromas of black cherries, plum and a touch of toasty spice. This Oakville Station vineyard produces merlot that is an extraordinary expression of the revered Oakville terroir, showing great depth, laced with layers of black cherry and toasty vanilla notes. Full and round on entry, the core of this complex wine is packed with juicy black cherry, blackberry and spice. Silky yet ample tannins suggest you can give this charmer a little time in the cellar.

2015 Winemaking Notes:

Vintage:	2015
Appellation:	100% Oakville
Vineyard:	100% UC Davis Oakville Station
Varietals:	96% Merlot 4% Cabernet Sauvignon
Alcohol:	14.9%
Cooperage:	50% new French oak barrels, 50% neutral oak
Production:	120 Cases
Retail:	\$75