



RUCKSACK CELLARS

Comfortable and worn, a rucksack embodies our desire to discover life away from the ordinary. It is with this same spirit of discovery that we produce our wines, each an expression of the varied climate and soils of the Sierra Foothills appellation.

2015 Rucksack Cellars Cache

Vineyard/Appellation: This blend is sourced from the Madroña Estate Vineyards and the Enyé Vineyards, both located in the El Dorado appellation. At an elevation of nearly 3,000 feet, the cool mountain conditions marry perfectly with the high-acid Aiken Clay Loam soils, producing a wine of elegance and great structure.

The Cache—2015 Vintage: This is one luscious and fruit-driven blend. The Malbec and Merlot take charge early on in the aromas with super-dark blueberry and ripe cherry fruit. A spice box of vanilla, cloves, cinnamon and cardamom weaves its way through berry characters furthering a sense of complexity. The entry on this wine is ripe and rich with rounded edges and a mouth-filling texture. Interestingly, the 2015 Cache drinks ripe yet the picking brix level and subsequent alcohol level (13.8%) are relatively low for the style. Instead, the mid-palate is equally dense as the entry and the finish is “soft” and approachable with that lingering cherry boldness. A wonderfully extracted vintage balanced by the Malbec and Merlot base, the 2015 Cache is going to be a crowd-pleaser for both Bordeaux and California drinkers!

Facts

Average brix at harvest: 23.1 degrees

Appellation: Sierra Foothills (El Dorado)

T.A. 0.60%, **pH:** 3.69, **Alcohol:** 13.8%

Final Blend: 45% Merlot, 26% Malbec, 17% Cabernet Sauvignon, 9% Cabernet Franc, 3% Petit Verdot

Pair With: Mushroom reduction sauces, rich meat stews and richly textured eggplant dishes

Hold Time: 3-5 years

Bottling Date: July 19, 2018

Cases produced: 192 cases

