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# The CALLING

Alexander Valley  
OUR TRIBUTE  
2015

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## BACKGROUND

This wine was created as Our Tribute to our fathers. For us, The Calling is about pursuing a passion, inspiring others, and making beautifully handcrafted wines that our fathers would be proud of. Our Tribute is a blend of classic Bordeaux varieties. The Alexander Valley consists of a broad valley floor bisected by the Russian River. It is surrounded by hills that block the coastal fog, keeping the region warmer than most of its neighbors. This climate, combined with well-drained soils, helps the Alexander Valley produce some of the finest Bordeaux grapes available in California.

## APPELLATION

Alexander Valley

## VARIETAL COMPOSITION

99% Cabernet Sauvignon, 1% Malbec

## WINEMAKING

Grapes were hand-sorted and gently crushed. After native-yeast fermentation, the wine went through an extended maceration period to soften the tannins, and malolactic fermentation occurred in barrel. The wine is bottled unfiltered and unfiltered to preserve complexity.

## VINTAGE NOTES

The 2015 harvest was one of finesse and elegance. Slightly cooler than 2014, the weather allowed our Alexander Valley vineyard to ripen evenly, with a long and extended hang time, resulting in a wine of intense flavor and elegance. The Cabernet Sauvignon was so well balanced and complex that only a small amount of Malbec was used to round out the wine. The 2015 vintage will age perfectly.

## OAK AGING

100% French Oak, 60% new

## TIME IN OAK

20 months

## TASTING NOTES

The aromas are rich and spicy with notes of blue and black berry fruits layered over hints of chocolate, brown spice and vanilla. The palate is robust yet elegant with silky tannins and flavors of black plum and coffee married with a seductive cinnamon spice. It boasts the dense structure and balanced, velvety tannins that the Alexander Valley is famous for.

## TECHNICAL DATA

pH 3.76    TA 5.7 g/L    RS 2.6 g/L    Alc. 14.2%

## WINEMAKER

Wayne Donaldson

## FOUNDERS

Peter Deutsch and Jim Nantz