



SOURCING

Select lots from the Bancroft, Steinhauer, Chabot, Vogt, Marston, Gamble and Home Vineyards

VARIETAL COMPOSITION

69% Cabernet Sauvignon, 12% Cabernet Franc, 10% Petite Sirah, 4% Merlot, 2% Petite Verdot, 2% Malbec

VINIFICATION

Aged 20 months in French Oak, 50% new, principally from France's Nevers Forest

Rested after bottling for an additional year

Coopers include Seguin Moreau and Alain Fouque and others with a mix of toasts to match the fruit and tannin structure of individual lots

ANALYSIS

Alc: 15% | TA: 5.7 g/L | pH: 3.74

ESTD  1876

BERINGER

DISTINCTION SERIES

2015 QUANTUM RED BLEND NAPA VALLEY

Quantum is the smallest unit of energy achievable in science. Each tiny particle holds unique potential to contribute to a larger being. When these units combine, each quantum adds its specific essence, resulting in a system of great expression and complexity. Beringer recognizes that each grape varietal offers unique flavor and structure, and that each vineyard and block of vines contributes yet another expression of those varietals. Beringer farms a unique collection of remarkable vineyard sites in Napa Valley. The Quantum blend highlights the individual personalities of each varietal, creating a wine with balance, structure and exceptional flavor.

VINTAGE & VINEYARDS

The 2015 growing season was marked by pleasant weather with little pressure from heat spikes or unseasonable rain. A dry winter, common in recent years, was quickly followed by an equally dry spring, leading to an early bud break and fast start to the growing season. Warm weather continued throughout late spring and summer, allowing for the steady and sure development of flavors. The overall quality, complexity and balance in the vines produced exceptional fruit for winemakers. The impact of the continuing drought was evident in slightly lighter crop loads, but the reduction in size was offset by an increase in quality.

WINEMAKING

With the focus on Napa Valley, each distinctive lot is kept separate from the moment of harvest until final blending the following year. Each Quantum expression showcases traditional Bordeaux varietals with a foundation of Cabernet Sauvignon, the backbone and undisputed star of Beringer. In this vintage, the blend anchors with 69% Cabernet Sauvignon, with Cabernet Franc and Petite Sirah highlighted, along with touches of Malbec, Merlot and Petit Verdot. Merlot contributes to a round mouthfeel and soft tannins, Cabernet Franc adds great color and unique aromatics, Petite Sirah adds spice complexity, and Malbec adds silkiness and depth of color to the final blend. The wines were aged in French oak (50 percent new barrels) for 20 months, and allowed to further integrate and gain complexity in bottle for another year.

TASTING NOTES

Aromas of black fruits and preserves are accented by notes of herb, oak spice and dried fruits. Rich and expressive, round and full in the mouth with evident tannins that will lead to continued development as the wine ages. Savory and chewy upon entry, enjoyable now but will show well for 10-15 years at minimum.