



2015 PUZZLE



VINEYARD

Newton Vineyards Puzzle is an estate red blend from our Spring Mountain vineyard based on the classic Bordeaux varieties and it has been a hallmark of the winery for nearly 20 years. We have experimented along the way with varieties, styles and techniques in an effort to create a wine of unique personality and with great drinkability.

VINTAGE CONDITIONS

The 2015 season was one of contrasts. The vintage was noted by significantly reduced yields (-35-50%) a result of a cool and damp flowering period in Spring which resulted in poor fruit set and fewer berries per bunch. The Summer and Autumn were hot and dry continuing the run of drought conditions which commenced from the 2012 vintage. The quality of the fruit was outstanding although in limited supply with the vintage likely to be recognized as one of Napa Valley's greatest.

VINIFICATION

The 2015 Puzzle is sourced exclusively from our Spring Mountain Estate and is a blend of Bordeaux varietals sourced from 20 individual parcels of fruit. Once harvested, the grapes were hand-sorted to inspect individual berries. The must was then fermented in separate lots and barrel aged for 12 months before being blended and returned to barrel for further maturation. 1099 cases produced.

TASTING NOTES

The 2015 puzzle has a distinct red currant and ripe plum fruit character with the added complexity of wild herbs, nutmeg and violets. The palate is full bodied with a sturdy gravelly structure supporting some deep red and black fruits, Dutch cocoa, plum skins and rolled tobacco. The distinguishing feature of Spring Mountain reflected in the wine is the wonderful texture and savory complexity with provided great length and approachability.

SERVING AND CELLARING

The 2015 Puzzle will cellar beautifully for 15-20 years where it will evolve and develop greater complexity.

HARVEST DATES

September 8 - 24, 2015

COMPOSITION

44% Cabernet Sauvignon
35% Merlot
8% Petit Verdot
8% Cabernet Franc
5% Malbec

PH 3.8 | **TA** 5.8 g/L | **ALC** 14%

