



## **MINISTRY OF THE VINTERIOR** **2015 Cabernet Sauvignon North Coast**

### *Vineyards*

Proprietor-négociants, Chris Nickolopoulos and Elijah Pfister work with a handful of California's most respected grape growers and wineries selecting the finest rows, plots, barrels, and lots from each vintage. They strive to blend these selections into finished wines which carefully balance ripeness and acidity to achieve both regional typicity and unique, expressive flavor profiles. The source of our 2015 rations was small, hand-tended vineyard plots renowned for producing fruit with the essential qualities to make a deep and complex wine with acid and tannins that will preserve it for decades.

### *Tasting notes*

The 2015 Ministry of the Vinterior Cabernet Sauvignon broods a deep burgundy color with flirty purple undertones. The nose is inviting with red currants, blackberries and a hint of blackberry. In the mouth, the wine reveals a sexy mix of black cherries, blackberries, pipe smoke and espresso tightly woven into a matrix of supple and broad tannins that layer the flavors densely and persistently on the tongue. The finish reveals a light touch of vanilla and caramel oak, lingering with a silkiness that invites another sip.

### *Pairing*

Try this stunning Cab with a pan seared skirt steak served with garlic roasted potatoes and a wilted spinach salad with bacon.



### *Analysis*

Appellation: North Coast (Napa Valley & Sonoma).

Aging: A combination of stainless steel tanks and once-used French oak barrels.

Alcohol: 13.9%

TA: 4.4 g/L

pH: 3.89

RS: 0.37 g/L