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Estate Grown – Santa Ynez Valley

The limited-edition 2015 Cabernet Franc Reserve comes from a special selection of eight barrels chosen for their extraordinary quality. The result is nothing short of a blockbuster wine that will evolve gracefully for years to come.

### ESTATE VINEYARD

The 35-acre Brick Barn estate vineyard lies just north of the Santa Ynez River in a largely unexplored winegrowing corridor near the city of Buellton in the western Santa Ynez Valley. With the Pacific Ocean just 10 miles away, the marine influence is forceful, yet solar exposure remains persistent—a providential combination that produces fruit with extraordinary dimension. Our Cabernet Franc is grown in a 2.6-acre block situated along an upper highland at an elevation of 550 feet. Here, rocky loam and limestone soils impart qualities of intensity and finesse. This block is planted entirely to Clone 332, which is prized for its sturdy tannins and Bordeaux-style profile. The vineyard rows are planted in an east-west orientation, allowing for ample sun exposure balanced with cooling marine breezes.

### WINEMAKING

After harvesting, the fruit was destemmed and cold soaked for five days, then fermented in small 1.5-ton bins over a period of two weeks. At the conclusion of fermentation, the must was gently pressed directly to a combination of seven French oak barrels and one Russian oak barrel (including a total of 38% new oak). These barrels underwent extended aging on the lees for 28 months prior to blending and bottling, allowing for the development of textural depth, supple tannins and seamless integration.

### TASTING NOTES

Only eight barrels of this limited-edition 2015 Cabernet Franc were produced. It opens with luscious aromas of blueberry, tobacco, leather and espresso bean. Dense, creamy flavors of black cherry, blackberry and cassis reveal notes of cedar, mocha and vanilla. Juicy acidity brings astonishing balance to the mouthfeel, while polished tannins carry a long, elegant finish.

**Vineyard:**  
Brick Barn Estate,  
Blocks 18

**Clone:**  
Clone 332

**Aging Regimen:**  
28 months in French &  
Russian Oak Barrels

**pH:**  
3.59

**TA:**  
0.59

**Alcohol:**  
14.8%

**SRP:**  
\$60

