

# Bougetz Cellars

**2015 BOUGETZ CELLARS JOVANA  
NAPA VALLEY  
MERLOT/CABERNET FRANC**

**WINEMAKER NOTES**

The 2015 Jovana Napa Valley Merlot/Cabernet Franc is a blend of 59% Merlot and 41% Cabernet Franc. The Merlot comes from Orchard Vineyard in the Oak Knoll district, with the Cabernet Franc coming from the top of Mt Veeder, from the Yates Family Vineyard. Showing dark ruby color, fresh blueberries, black cherries and cedar notes leap from the glass. The inviting nose is followed with a broad, juicy mid-palate that is kept in check with a fresh, clean finish. Very pleasing now, but will show even better with two to four years of cellaring.

**HARVEST NOTES**

Bud break for 2015 arrived a few weeks earlier than usual, and the growing season stayed ahead of normal throughout the entire season. An unusually cool period hit Napa Valley around flowering time, affecting minimally the amount of fruit on each vine. Picture perfect growing season after the cool start to June, led to a long maturation process in the vineyard. The fruit was sourced with Merlot from the Oak Knoll District and Cabernet Franc from the Mt Veeder AVA.



**Harvest date:** September 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2015 (Merlot)  
October 8<sup>th</sup>, 2015 (Cab Franc)

- Appellation: Napa Valley
- Brix at harvest: 26.3
- Crush: De-stemmed, 100% whole berry
- Fermentation: 14-day ferment
- Aging: 22 months, with 67% new French oak, 33% once used
- Alcohol: 14.7%
- pH: 3.62
- TA: 6.20 g/L
- Bottled: August 2017
- Case production: 120 cases
- Winemaker: Thomas Bougetz
- Suggested retail: \$52



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