



# ECO TERRENO

## 2015 CABERNET SAUVIGNON ALEXANDER VALLEY

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### ABOUT ECO TERRENO

Great wines are not just produced, rather they are carefully cultivated. At Eco Terreno our vast experience along with time honored traditions and a healthy respect for the land help us cultivate grapes that are of the utmost quality and flavor. In 1980, after an extensive search, Founder and Winemaker Mark Lyon found a 122-acre (92 acres planted to vines) vineyard in Alexander Valley near Cloverdale. Today the Lyon and Cisne Vineyards, both Demeter Biodynamic and Stellar Organic certified at Eco Terreno are thriving under the care and guidance of Daphne Amory, an expert in biodynamic viticulture

### HARVEST NOTES

2015 was another drought year and was not without its challenges. A cool wet May with intermittent rain caused shatter during flowering which produced a small fruit set. In addition, the yields were much lower than usual, barely 3 tons per acre which meant more concentrated fruit flavors. Fall produced more typical California coastal weather, with cool fog in the morning clearing to sunny skies by early afternoon with temperatures soaring up into the 90's F and the quickly cooling off following sunset. This often meant temperature swings of up to 50° F, which is preferable for Bordeaux varietals such as Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, etc. The Cabernet Sauvignon was harvested last with the intention to make a riper, more fruit-forward style from Alexander Valley, but with added leafiness and complexity by incorporating Merlot and Cabernet Franc into the blend. The clusters were luscious bluish-black berries that had great concentration of flavors.

### TASTING NOTES

Our 2015 Cabernet Sauvignon has a bright dark crimson color with a bright red rim. Cassis, blackberry, pomegranate, and caramel aromas fill the very fragrant nose. The flavors are similar with ripe blackberry and lush black cherry impressions, and the wine is well balanced and medium-full in body. The finish is medium long revealing black fruit and toasted vanilla impressions.

### TECHNICAL NOTES

<b>AVA:</b>	Alexander Valley
<b>HARVEST DATE:</b>	October 12, 2015
<b>BLEND:</b>	84% Cabernet Sauvignon, 10% Merlot, 4% Cabernet Franc, 2% Petit Verdot
<b>ALCOHOL BY VOLUME:</b>	14.8%
<b>TA:</b>	0.57 g/mL
<b>PH:</b>	3.83
<b>BARRELS:</b>	40% New Saury French oak, 60% 1 & 2 year old French oak
<b>TIME IN BARREL:</b>	15 months
<b>BOTTLING DATE:</b>	August 3, 2017
<b>CASES PRODUCED:</b>	504
<b>SUGGESTED RETAIL PRICE:</b>	\$32 per 750 mL