

PEJU

NAPA VALLEY

2015 MERLOT *napa valley*

In 1983, Tony and Herta Peju bought thirty acres of vines in the famed Rutherford district of the Napa Valley. Since then, the Peju family has maintained a meticulous focus on the vineyard, which has grown to include a proactive approach to sustainability and environmental consciousness. That longstanding commitment and respect for the grapes can be tasted with each sip of these balanced and elegant wines. Still family-owned and operated with daughters Lisa and Ariana poised to take the helm, Peju Winery has become an integral piece of the Napa Valley landscape.

VINTAGE

2015 saw early bud break, giving way to a cool spring and a generally even and warm growing season. Temperature surges during the final weeks of growth expedited harvest, making it one of the earliest harvests Napa Valley has ever had. With the drought enduring as a serious issue facing California, 2015 saw lower than expected yields. Though there are challenges that come with low yields, there is also the benefit of a higher concentration of flavor in each grape. 2015 wines are showing to be increasingly complex with wonderful, fruit forward aromatics and stunning depth of flavor.

TASTING

Lush and juicy, our 2015 Merlot offers fragrant, layered aromas of dark fruit, molasses, golden waffle and a hint of leather. Lush flavors of fresh berry preserves, white pepper and blackberry cobbler envelope the palate and give way to mouth-filling tannins. Culminating with a soft, elegant finish, this Merlot will continue to mature for the next 6-8 years.



ALCOHOL: 14.7%
TA: 6.7 g/l
PH: 3.62

APPELLATION: *napa valley*

AGING: *16 months*

RELEASE DATE: *february 2018*

VINEYARDS: *persephone, rutherford*

HARVEST DATE: *september 2015*

CELLARING: *enjoy now through 2023*

COMPOSITION : *100% merlot*

BOTTLING DATE: *may 2017*

SRP: *\$48*

COOPERAGE : *american oak, 100% new*

PRODUCTION: *4,972 cases*

WINEMAKER: *Sara Fowler*