

# DARMS LANE

*Napa Valley*



## 2015 Linda's Hillside Cabernet Sauvignon, Napa Valley

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**Vineyard:** The Estate Linda's Hillside Vineyard is located in the southwestern bench lands of Napa Valley, in the Oak Knoll District appellation. The prime hillside vineyard on the Darms Lane estate is named in honor of Linda Bump co-owner of Darms Lane who passed away in 2007 from ovarian cancer. It is the finest wine we make – a tribute to her.

**Appellation:** Oak Knoll District of Napa Valley

**Growing Season Notes:** The 2015 vintage started out two weeks earlier than normal with bud break in mid-March. Temperatures were a bit more erratic for much of April and into May, leading to a smaller than average crop for Cabernet Sauvignon. Temperatures were closer to average from June into mid-August. Warm spells in August and September pushed the ripeness, but the weather settled down in late September to allow the vines to recover and give us necessary hang time to mature the tannins. We harvested the hillside blocks on September 23 and October 5.

**Varietal:** 100% Cabernet Sauvignon

**Winemaker:** Brian Mox

**Barrel Aging:** 21 months in Oak – 50% New (100% French Oak)

**Winemaker Tasting Notes:** Our finest 2015 wine offers boysenberry, blackberry, cassis, vanilla, hints of mocha and chocolate and a slightly briary, savory note with a subtle oak toast. On the palate is fresh dark berry fruit and mocha. Fine tannins on entry, well-structured mid-palate with slightly chewy, rich tannins. We recommend some cellaring and decanting through 2020, it should peak 2025-2030 and continue to age.

Production: 82 cases