Saunter

WINEMAKER	APPELLATION
Thomas Brown	Napa Valley
VINEYARD MANAGER	VINEYARD
Josh Clark	Red Head Vineyard
OAK PROFILE	PRODUCTION
80% new French oak, Taransaud and Darnajou	100 Cases
BLEND	RETAIL PRICE
100% Cabernet Sauvignon	\$110

2015 RED HEAD VINEYARD CABERNET SAUVIGNON

The elegance of the Saunter Red Head Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon stands out every time. Dark, rich, opaque purple in color, this wine displays a nose of ripe, black fruits and spice box. Voluptuous, fresh and pure with blackcurrant, sweet tobacco, cocoa, well-integrated oak, and a lingering finish with soft, sweet tannins exude an overall harmony and balance. This wine will age beautifully for 15+ years.

92+ points ~ WA #234

THE RED HEAD VINEYARD

The Red Head Vineyard, owned by Ed and Jan Brown of Charlotte, North Carolina, and named after Jan who is a redhead, is located on Old Soda Springs Road on the Southeast end of the Napa Valley. Once a llama pasture, Ed and Jan bought the property in 2005 with plans to plant a vineyard on the rocky hillside. In 2007 Josh began the development of the 7.5 acre hillside vineyard. The row direction was selected in order to maximize heat collection and minimize sunburn. Crossarms are positioned to allow dappled sunlight to reach the fruit, which also maximizes heat collection and minimizes sunburn. Permanent covercrop is planted to help control springtime moisture and encourage small berries with concentrated fruit. Soil Series is Kidd loam and only about 24" deep and full of small cobble and tumbled round rocks. The Vineyard elevation is 220-280 feet and the slope is facing the Southwest.

The 2014 Saunter Red Head Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon is made from 100% clone 685 grown on 101-14 rootstock. The clone 685 has consistently given us a characteristic essence of blueberries, uniform ripening and great minerality.