

2015 SWAGGER NAPA VALLEY CABERNET SAUVIGNON

WINEMAKER Thomas Brown	APPELLATION Napa Valley
VINEYARD MANAGER Josh Clark	VINEYARD Red Head Vineyard and Eagle Summit
OAK PROFILE 100% French oak, 80% new – Taransaud, Darnajou	PRODUCTION 210 Cases
BLEND 100% Cabernet Sauvignon	RETAIL PRICE \$55

Tasting notes

The 2015 Swagger is dark, rich and concentrated. It shows an abundance of fresh fruit, black cherry and cocoa, sweet tobacco and hints of crushed stone, herb and cola. There is ample acidity and the tannins are soft and integrated. One of the characteristics we've heard Thomas use to describe the vintage is sucrosity – the sensation of sweetness without residual sugar. When you taste this wine, you will immediately understand what this means. ~ 210 cases produced, 14.7% alcohol

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. Cross arms are positioned to allow dappled sunlight to reach the fruit, which also maximizes heat collection and minimizes sunburn. Permanent cover crop 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.

Eagle Summit Vineyard

The Eagle Summit Vineyard, owned by the Doty family, was the first vineyard that Josh replanted upon his return to the Napa Valley. It was replanted in 2000 to Cabernet Sauvignon with two different rootstock and clonal selections. The soil is composed of well drained Aiken loam and is comprised of a mix of rich red soil and classic Howell Mountain rocks. There is the use of a permanent cover crop to help dry down spring soils and promote smaller, concentrated fruit. The vineyard is situated at an elevation of 2100 feet and is slightly rolling. Eagle Summit is one of those vineyards that year after year performs consistently and offers up the highest quality of fruit with very little manipulation.