



TOURNESOL

2015 PROPRIETOR'S BLEND

WINEMAKER TASTING NOTES

The 2015 Proprietor's Blend is an exceptional representation of the 10th vintage produced from the estate. Lush red currant, Asian plum and fresh blackberry fruit are balanced by savory undertones. Silky and textural on the palate with hints of huckleberry pie, cedar and baking spices intermingled with lingering dark chocolate flavors in the finish.



This really captivates your attention on the nose with lovely, freshly picked blackcurrants, iodine, underbrush, crushed stones and oyster shell. Full-bodied with such precision and depth of fruit and character. Tight tannins and vibrant acidity. A blend of cabernet sauvignon, malbec, petit verdot and merlot. Drink in 2021. 95 PTS. – James Suckling

WINEGROWING INFORMATION

2015 was noted for low yield, small berries and ripe, concentrated, high quality fruit. Timely late February rain in an otherwise dry year started off the growing season. It was one of the warmest years on record assisting with tannin maturation and phenolic development of all the red varieties from Tournesol vineyards.

WINEMAKING INFORMATION

Conditions throughout the summer resulted in an early harvest starting with the Malbec on September 14th followed by the Merlot a few days later and concluding with the final Cabernet fruit coming in on September 29th.

The grapes were immediately taken to the winery and de-stemmed into small, open-top vinification bins where the juices and skins fermented and macerated between 16 and 35 days, dependent on variety and vineyard block. Each bin received hand punch-down treatments and was monitored daily by winemaker Ken Bernards.

Once fermentation was complete, the wine was racked into thin-staved new French oak barrels selected from an array of forests with various toast levels for up to 21 months. Proprietors Anne and Bob Arns' original concept in planting the vineyard was to create a mosaic of Bordeaux red varieties that could be fashioned into an individual wine.



GRAPE SOURCE: Tournesol Estate Vineyards

VARIETAL: 72% Cabernet Sauvignon, 16% Malbec,
8% Petit Verdot, 4%Merlot

BARREL AGING: 22 months in new French oak

APPELLATION: Coombsville AVA

ALCOHOL: 14.4%

PRODUCTION: 300 cases

HARVEST DATE: Septembet 14, 2015

RELEASE DATE: October 2019