

WHITEHALL
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2015
NAPA VALLEY
CABERNET SAUVIGNON
MANCINO
LANCIATORE

VINTAGE

The 2015 vintage started with very little rainfall prior to bud break, enabling the vintage to be considered a drought year. Drought years often lead to less vegetative growth and more focused fruit development, which is always a great thing for winemakers. The Spring was cooler than expected and in turn affected the fruit set and potential yields. Even though yields in the vineyards were down, this provided the winemaking team with increased concentration of tannins and flavors from the grapes. Summer was relatively warm and allowed the fruit to ripen at a steady pace and by September and October, the grapes were harvested at optimal ripeness. The Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, and Petit Verdot in this wine were harvested from our Oak Glen, Leonardini, Millennium MM, Whitehall Lane, and Fawn Park Estate vineyards.

WINE

The 2015 Mancino Lanciatore is a stunning wine of power and concentration. Its name translated from Italian means “left-handed thrower” and is an ode to our proprietor, Thomas Leonardini, Sr. and several other left-handed Leonardinis. Upon hand harvesting in the early morning hours, our grapes were carefully destemmed and sent to tank for a whole-berry fermentation. The grapes were cold-soaked in tank at 45°F for 4-7 days, allowing for increased color, aroma, and flavor extraction. After inoculation, the grape must (juice, skins, and seeds) fermented at 82°F, which allowed for a hot extraction on the skins. For fermentation cap management, the juice was pumped over the skins two times per day, wetting the cap evenly for a nice healthy fermentation. After fermentation and pressing, the wine was sent to 65% new French oak, 35% neutral oak barrels, aging for 26 months. The final blend for the 2015 Mancino Lanciatore is 87% Cabernet Sauvignon, 12% Merlot, and 1% Petit Verdot. At bottling, this wine was unfinned and unfiltered.

NOTES

The 2015 Mancino Lanciatore offers a powerful expression of Cabernet Sauvignon. On the nose, it's enticing and fragrant with notes of blackberries, sweet mission figs, Agen prunes, black olives, and cedar. Its palate provides big, round juicy tannins, baked black plums, candied walnuts, toasted bread, cola, and fresh blackberry pie. This wine is big and we recommend decanting for a few hours before enjoying or cellar for 15-20 years.

WINEMAKER: *Jason Moulton*

APPELLATION: *Napa Valley*

COMPOSITION: *87% Cabernet Sauvignon, 12% Merlot, and 1% Petit Verdot*

ACCOLADES: *94 points - Wine Advocate
92 points - Wine Spectator*

ALCOHOL: *15.1%*

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