

CHAIRMAN'S CLUB 2015 CLARA'S VINEYARD RED

This wine comes from our 15.9-acre Clara's Vineyard located on Chalk Hill Estate. First planted in 2003 this warm, south-facing site features rocky, porous volcanic soils that are ideal for red Bordeaux varieties. To preserve the long-term viability of the ecosystem, all of our vineyards are maintained using low-input, sustainable viticultural practices. 2015 was another prime vintage with moderate temperatures throughout the spring and summer. The fruit for the Clara's Vineyard red was harvested between September 20th and October 14th, 2015.

The 2015 Clara's Vineyard Red offers enticing aromas of blueberry and dark chocolate with hints of cinnamon and toasted oak. Three powerhouse varietals – Cabernet Sauvignon, Malbec and Petite Verdot come together to greet the palate with bold tannins and dense flavors of dark berries, anise, vanilla, and clove. This full bodied wine is balanced by a smooth and refined finish. The 2015 Clara's Red can be enjoyed immediately upon release, but will reward those patient enough to cellar for 3-5 years.

HARVEST

Harvest Dates: September 20 – October 14, 2015
Average Yields: 2.9 TONS/ACRE
Average Brix at Harvest: 26.1°

FERMENTATION / BARREL

Cultured and native yeast fermentation 100% malolactic fermentation with bâtonnage Cooperage: 100% French Oak, 89% new Barrel Aging: 21 Months

WINE

Blend: 66% Cabernet Sauvignon, 31% Malbec, 3% Petit Verdot

Bottling Date: JUNE 30, 2017

pH: 3.91 TA: 5.3 G/L Alcohol: 15.2%