

2015 MERLOT
napa valley

In 1983, with dreams of raising their young family on a farm, Tony and Herta Peju bought thirty acres of vines in the famed Rutherford district of the Napa Valley. Since then, the Peju family has maintained a meticulous focus on the land, fostering sustainable and environmental consciousness across their five estates. Still family-owned and operated with daughters Lisa and Ariana poised to take the helm, Peju Winery has become an integral piece of the Napa Valley landscape.

VINEYARD

Peju's Rutherford Estate is a California Certified Organic vineyard, and is planted primarily with Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot and Cabernet Franc. Persephone Ranch is sustainably farmed and its Pope Valley climate is suited to grow Sauvignon Blanc, as well as Zinfandel, Cabernet Sauvignon, Cabernet Franc, and Merlot. Drawing from such varied terroir, the wines exhibit the perfect blend of mountain-fruit focus and Rutherford complexity.

VINTAGE

2015 saw early bud break, giving way to a cool spring and a generally even and warm growing season. Temperature surges during the final weeks of growth expedited harvest, making it one of the earliest harvests Napa Valley has ever had. With the drought enduring as a serious issue facing California, 2015 saw lower than expected yields. Though there are challenges that come with low yields, there is also the benefit of a higher concentration of flavor in each grape. 2015 wines are showing to be increasingly complex with wonderful, fruit forward aromatics and stunning depth of flavor.

TASTING

Lush and juicy, our 2015 Merlot offers fragrant, layered aromas of dark fruit, molasses, golden waffle and a hint of leather. Lush flavors of fresh berry preserves, white pepper and blackberry cobbler envelope the palate and give way to mouth-filling tannins. Culminating with a soft, elegant finish, this Merlot will continue to mature for the next 6- 8 years.

APPELLATION
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VINEYARD
rutherford, persephone

COMPOSITION
100% merlot

COOPERAGE
*40% new, french and
american oak*

AGING
16 months

ALCOHOL
14.7%

TA
6.7 g/l

PH
3.62

HARVEST DATE
october 2015

BOTTLING DATE
may 2017

RELEASE DATE
february 2018

CELLARING
enjoy now through 2023