

2015 CABERNET SAUVIGNON  
*rutherford*

## *Estate Reserve*

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 home to thirty acres of vines that stretch from Highway 29 to the Napa River. With an emphasis placed on green farming initiatives, our H.B. Vineyard has achieved California Certified Organic status and is planted primarily with Cabernet Sauvignon, Cabernet Franc, and Merlot. The wine produced here is a classic representation of Rutherford, a historic appellation known for wines of great depth, complexity, and longevity.

### 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

Expressive and powerful, the 2015 Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon stands as a paradigm of Rutherford Cabernet. Lush aromas of vanilla extract and black cherry accompany earthy notes of thyme, leather, and cigar box, while the palate presents exquisite flavors of cassis, cherry, and toffee. Perfect to lay down or serve now, this expertly balanced wine is ready when you are.

APPELLATION  
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VINEYARD  
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COMPOSITION  
*100% cabernet sauvignon*

COOPERAGE  
*100% french oak,  
85% new*

AGING  
*26 months*

ALCOHOL  
*15.5%*

TA  
*6.7 g/l*

PH  
*3.62*

HARVEST DATE  
*october 2015*

BOTTLING DATE  
*april 2018*

RELEASE DATE  
*april 2019*

CELLARING  
*enjoy now through 2026*