



# BURGESS

NAPA VALLEY

## 2015 ALPINIST RED BLEND

### VINEYARD SOURCE

*Sorenson Vineyard: Cabernet Sauvignon*

Planted in the 1870's by Swiss-Italian immigrants, our estate on Howell Mountain is south-west facing with a 27% slope. The soils are comprised of densely compacted volcanic ash with large granitic stones.

*Haymaker Vineyard: Syrah, Petite Verdot, and Petite Sirah*

Acquired by Burgess Cellar in 1987, Haymaker Vineyard sits on the opposite side of Howell Mountain facing east, with a slope averaging 20%. Its soil composition mirrors the Sorenson, with bands of uplifted marine sediments.

### TASTING NOTES

The Alpinist is inspired by the historic cuvées of Bordeaux, where vigneronns blended Syrah from the hill of legendary hill of Hermitage with Cabernet Sauvignon from the Médoc. Syrah's black olive and smoked meat notes are polished and refined by the graceful structure of Cabernet Sauvignon.

### TECHNICAL CHARACTERISTICS

#### *Varietal Composition*

46% Syrah  
43% Cabernet Sauvignon  
8% Petite Verdot  
3% Petite Sirah

#### *Aging Regimen*

Aged 28 months in 30% new French oak barrique, 70% neutral French oak barrique

#### *AVA*

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#### *Alcohol*

14.1%

#### *Fermentation*

All components fermented separately in stainless steel.

