

# BURGESS

## 2015 BURGESS ALPINIST RED BLEND

NAPA VALLEY, CALIFORNIA



Alpinist is a red wine blend inspired by the historic cuvées of Bordeaux, where Cabernet Sauvignon from the Bordeaux's Left Bank was blended with Syrah from the legendary hill of Hermitage in the Northern Rhône. The name, Alpinist, is a nod to the Swiss-Italian ancestors who first planted the hillsides where these grapes are grown, and the elevated altitude at which the vines sit.

### VINTAGE INFORMATION

2015 was the fourth drought-influenced year in a row, plus a cold spell in May during flowering led to uneven fruit set and significantly lower yields compared to the three previous vintages. The smaller crop ripened quickly though, with picking beginning in August and ending by mid-October. All in all, exceptional fruit with bright acidity and ample texture promises an amazing vintage.

### TASTING NOTES

In the tradition of our Swiss-Italian predecessors, we have crafted a flavorful cuvée of red grapes from the steep volcanic slopes of our Sorenson and Haymaker Vineyards, perched high above the Napa Valley. Originally planted with vines in the 19th century, our estate vineyards yield fruit that offers a provocative harmony of aromas, flavors, and texture. The warm drought vintage of 2015 brought power and deep black fruit to the wines of Burgess, and the Alpinist shines in this vintage.

Fresh and vibrant black and red fruit flavors like blackberry and redcurrant take center stage, accented by oil-cured olive and pink peppercorn aromas, making this wine a fine match for roast lamb and beef dishes.

### TECHNICAL CHARACTERISTICS

#### VARIETAL COMPOSITION

46% Syrah, 43 % Cabernet Sauvignon,  
11% Petite Verdot

#### AGING REGIMEN

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

AVA  
Napa Valley

PACK SIZE  
6/750ml

ALCOHOL  
14.1%