

the path



2015 MERLOT

TASTING NOTES

The Path's 2015 Merlot is medium bodied, with juicy red fruit aromas and flavors of strawberry jam and cranberry. Super drinkable, this classic California Merlot balances fruit and earthiness to provide an excellent partner with pizzas, pastas or pork chops. Try with a roasted garlic, chicken and spinach white pizza, or a Vietnamese noodle salad with seared pork chops.

APPELLATION

With its moderate climate, and diverse terroir, California offers many distinct AVAs. The 2015 vintage of The Path Merlot brought us to the best regions in the state of California to source our fruit, including Clarksburg and Lodi. Known for its abundant sunshine which helps to ensure a reliable extended growing season, the "Golden State" has become an American winemaking mecca on par with the other great wine regions of the world. California boasts nearly 100 American Viticulture Areas (AVAs), that encompass over a half million acres of vineyards, supporting a diverse varietal mix. Cool climate varieties like Chardonnay and Pinot Noir thrive in the fog-bathed coastal areas, while the warmer inland valleys provide the perfect conditions for heartier heat loving varieties like Cabernet Sauvignon, Petite Sirah, Zinfandel and Sauvignon Blanc.

VINTAGE

California enjoyed a beautiful growing season. Vintage 2015 may be stamped in history as one with near ideal conditions for growing exceptional wine grapes. A dry winter, early spring, a warm summer and no rain at harvest meant the overall quality of the fruit was excellent.

BLEND 94% Merlot
4% Cabernet Sauvignon
2% Petite Sirah

APPELLATION California

VINTAGE 2015

OAK AGING 8 months

OAK SOURCING 70% French Oak, 30% American
50% New, 50% Seasoned

ALCOHOL 13.5%

PH 3.61

TA 6.1 g/L

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