



2015 GAME TRAIL

ESTATE GROWN CABERNET SAUVIGNON
YORKVILLE HIGHLANDS

AGING

20 months in neutral barrels

ALCOHOL BY VOLUME

14.8%

PRODUCTION

775 cases

RELEASE DATE

Spring 2018

SUGGESTED DRINKING WINDOW

Drink now or age up to fifteen years

HARVEST NOTES

Grown at 1400 feet elevation on a ridge heading out towards the ocean, this Cabernet Sauvignon is always a test of our patience. In 2015 the growing season was cool, which is lovely for fruit quality, but made these grapes take quite a while to ripen. Since this varietal is so robust, we allowed these grapes to see a few rains before bringing them in at a modest 24 Brix. This mild but long vintage rewarded our patience with a wine of intense tannic structure and pure flavors while still preserving elegance.

TASTING NOTES

This south-facing vineyard is perched at 1400 feet elevation overlooking the Yorkville Highlands. Coastal influence, warm days and rocky hillsides combine to create a Cabernet Sauvignon with extraordinary intensity and clarity. Wild boar, deer and mountain lion create game trails that encircle the vineyard and guide us into the woods while hunting wild Porcini and Chanterelle mushrooms. Much like the air out at the Yorkville ranch, this wine is fresh and bright. With more acidity and focus on red fruit flavors than most Cabernet Sauvignon, Game Trail is sizable and will age for decades, but has a gorgeous, perfumed elegance that is accessible now.

SINGLE ESTATE SERIES

Our Single Estate Series represents our purest expressions of place. Having worked with the fruit from tens of vineyards over the years, we have identified three special sites that we believe create extraordinary wine. Produced in limited quantities, these wines have ultra-developed acid and tannin profiles and achieve a beautiful balance of intense structure and bright aromatics.

91 points

From the Yorkville Highlands AVA, the 100% Cabernet Sauvignon 2015 Game Trail Cabernet Sauvignon sports a deep purple color all the way to the rim. Spiced plums, cassis, cedar pencil, and exotic spice notes give way to a medium-bodied, concentrated, seamless wine that has class and charm. With fine tannin, good acidity, and a fresh, focused style, I suspect it will drink nicely for 7–8 years.

— Jeb Dunnuck, June 2018