



# ELEVATION TEN

## 2015 Proprietor's Blend California

### TASTING NOTES

This powerful wine is dark, deep and layered with cherry, blackberry, cacao, loam, cassis, blueberry jam, toasty oak and graphite-laced mineral aromas. The mouth-feel is muscular, complex and seamless, with dark chocolate and blue-fruit flavors, ripe tannins and good acid structure.

### WINE MAKERS NOTES

Our flagship red wine, Proprietor's Blend is homage to the classic wines of the Bordeaux region of France and while the varietal composition changes from year to year, it is always a blend of two or more of the traditional Bordelais varieties. Our 2015 Blend is composed of 33% Cabernet Sauvignon from two high-elevation mountain vineyards, 44% Cabernet Franc grown on a family-owned vineyard in the Clarksburg AVA and 23% Malbec from a vineyard in the Fair Play region of El Dorado county. Blending these distinctly different components has produced a wine with remarkable balance, structure and intensity. It was aged in small French Oak barrels (45% new wood) for 22 months. While delicious now with grilled rib-eye steak, braised short ribs and rosemary-rubbed lamb chops, our Proprietors Blend will surely gain even more richness and breadth with another 3-5 years of cellaring.

### DETAILS

**Varietal** | 33% Cabernet Sauvignon

**Appellation** | Sierra Foothills

**Trellis** | VSP

**Soil** | Well-drained granitic soils

**Picked** | 25.5 Brix

**Varietal** | 44% Cabernet Franc

**Appellation** | Clarksburg

**Trellis** | Split canopy

**Soil** | Deep alluvial loam

**Picked** | 25.8 Brix

**Varietal** | 23% Malbec

**Appellation** | Fair Play

**Exposure** | West, 2,400' elevation

**Trellis** | VSP

**Soil** | Shallow decomposed granite with granite outcroppings

**Picked** | 26.9 Brix

**Fermentation Process** | On Skins for 10-12 days then pressed into barrel for Malo-Lactic Fermentation.

**Yeast** | Prise de Mousse

