

# TURNBULL

2015

BLACK LABEL  
CABERNET SAUVIGNON

“THIS IS OUR ‘HEART OF DARKNESS’ WINE - AT RELEASE, SHOWCASING A POWERFUL DENSITY OF FRUIT, AND LATER REVEALING THE BONES AND STRUCTURE TO AGE ELEGANTLY AND GRACEFULLY. IT IS OUR FLAGSHIP WINE, OUR ‘BEST OF THE BEST’ BARREL OFFERING.” - WINEMAKER PETER HEITZ

## OUR STORY

Turnbull has been making wine of exceptional quality since 1979 in Oakville, with estate-grown fruit carefully tended to from the ground up through to the winery. Turnbull wines are crafted with integrity and without compromise. Our signature is a balanced wine of structure and depth, with an intensity of fruit and polished, elegant texture.

## WINEMAKING

It starts with a painstaking process of vinifying lot by lot, tasting and evaluating each for specific attributes and characteristics. Like a complex puzzle, Winemaker Peter Heitz weaves together a narrative of place, chalking barrels one by one to the final blends. The wines elevate in 100% French Oak barrels and rest in bottle for an extended period before release.

This bottling is a signature selection of individual barrels sourced from our estate vineyards in Oakville. Our winemaker crafts the blend by choosing lots that showcase dark, brooding, hedonistic characteristics, with dusty black fruits and an exotic floral lift. The barrels deliver wine of astounding purity and density.

## VINEYARDS

Black Label is a story of two alter egos coming together: Leopoldina Vineyard fruit meets Fortuna Vineyard fruit. The core of our Black Label comes from Leopoldina Vineyard; that's where we get that big, darkly brooding fruit note with rich, hedonistic tones, and huge structure and texture. Then, we add fruit from Fortuna Vineyard to bring in more lift and focus, making the wine prettier and longer. These are two fantastic, but different, vineyard sites. And the beauty in their differences is wonderfully highlighted by this wine

## VINTAGE NOTES

2015 has proven to be an outstanding vintage, due largely to irregular weather throughout the 2015 growing season. Unseasonably warm temperatures in the late winter and early spring initiated an earlier bud break, leading to an earlier harvest. A colder-than-usual month of May, at the peak of bloom, resulted in a smaller crop. These elements prompted what we consider to be a true winemaker's vintage: the ripe, but small crop allowed us to vinify block by block to capture the unique expressions and nuances of this special vintage. A showcase in the art in winemaking, these wines excite with incredible freshness and intensity, while displaying a prettiness of uncommon purity.

## TASTING NOTE

Unrelenting in allure and unrestrained in power, Black Label returns with stunning magnitude. Hedonistic fruit tones of dusted blackberries, crème de cassis, and updrafts of violet seduce the nose, while superior silky tannins flow with tones of huckleberries and blackberries to establish a massively rich mid-palate. Red and black cherries comele with blue fruits, tobacco, and chocolate tones, fulfilling aromatic promises with a powerful and lasting finish.

## APPELLATION

Oakville, Napa Valley

## ALCOHOL

15.2% by volume

## VARIETAL BREAKDOWN

96% Cabernet Sauvignon

2% Malbec

2% Petit Verdot

