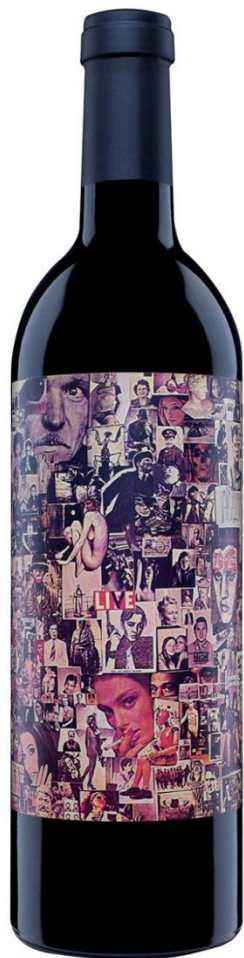


# abstract



## 2015 CALIFORNIA RED WINE

Napa, Sonoma, Mendocino, Amador and El Dorado Counties

There is this inexplicable feeling when you arrive early in the morning at one of Dave Phinney's hand-picked vineyards, be it in the foothills of the Sierra Nevada or on the soon-to-be busy Napa Valley floor. No matter where, the combination of the viscous fog, natural silence and utter sensorial beauty is downright therapeutic. In 2015, with yet another year of California drought, the yields were low – much lower than expected – yet, quality was there with small clusters, small berries and high amounts of flavor concentration. After fermentation and a couple months in barrel, 150 different wine lots were tasted through – Dave searching for the right components for his “Abstract” art piece. Individually, they were good wines, just incomplete. But together, they presented a story – about a place, a person, a culture. If you sit, drink and ponder the label, you too will be able to discern a place, a person and a culture.

### Winemaker's Notes

As soon as a glass is poured, aromatic notes of Luxardo cherries, ripe black plums and raspberries billow, with intricate hints of coffee, mocha and caramel in the background. The entry is expansive with dark briar fruits, cola and cocoa with tannins that are soft and dusty. The wine finishes with a hint of wild cherry and a lingering sweet oak presence.

### Blend

Grenache, Petite Sirah and Syrah

### Past Scores

2013 – 94 Points – Wine Advocate

2013 – 92 Points – Wine Spectator