
BRAVE & MAIDEN

E S T A T E

TECHNICAL NOTES

2015 BEQUEST

Purple throughout, the Bequest is floral, mineral, and rich with notes of vanilla, cinnamon, and cloves. Blue fruit notes of blackberry, blueberry jam, more baking spices, and a chewiness that lasts and lasts on the palate.

VITICULTURE	<i>AVA</i>	Los Olivos District, Santa Ynez Valley
	<i>Clone(s)</i>	169, 4, 181, 332, 400
	<i>Harvest Date</i>	Throughout September
	<i>Vintage Notes</i>	2015 was an unique, yet phenomenal, vintage. We were in our fourth year of statewide drought for starters. And one cool and windy period at the right (or wrong) time during Spring flowering made for a light fruit set, and thus a very small crop come harvest—Brave & Maiden's smallest to date. But we had a warm growing season which led to one of the earliest harvests on record, finishing by mid-October. Fortunately, this atypical vintage would be one of our finest.
WINEMAKING	<i>Blend</i>	45% Cabernet Sauvignon, 18% Merlot, 20% Cabernet Franc, 17% Petit Verdot.
	<i>Description</i>	De-stemmed and hand-sorted to 1.5 ton fermenters, fermented for 14-21 days. Barreled down to 100% French oak, approximately 55% new and aged for 20 months.
	<i>Alcohol</i>	15.0%
	<i>pH</i>	3.65
	<i>Total Acid</i>	0.55 mg /100 mL
	<i>Bottled</i>	25th of July 2017
RELEASE	<i>Cases</i>	25
	<i>Release Date</i>	September 2018
	<i>SRP</i>	\$95