

# Silverado

VINEYARDS



## 2015 ESTATE GROWN MT GEORGE MERLOT

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*Mt George Vineyard (100%)* – Located east of Napa in Coombsville, Mt. George Vineyard is the site of one of the first grape plantings in the valley in the 19<sup>th</sup> century. The deep, gravelly soils are derived from volcanic rock and ash, providing depth and structure.

### VINTAGE

The 2015 growing season in Napa Valley started out with unseasonably warm temperatures in the late winter and early spring. This resulted in an early bud break and bloom. Colder temperatures in May (during the peak of bloom) caused uneven fruit set which ultimately resulted in much smaller crop in 2015, compared to both average yields and the three abundant years that preceded it. The harvest was one of the earliest on record in Napa Valley and for Silverado Vineyards.

### WINEMAKING

Average Brix at harvest – 24.0

Average 13 days of maceration

16 months of barrel age in 43% new oak of which 78% French & 23% Hungarian

Overall oak profile – 92% French, 8% Hungarian

HARVEST DATES		September 4 <sup>th</sup> & 5 <sup>th</sup> , 2015
VARIETAL COMPOSITION		100% Merlot
ALCOHOL		14.6% by volume
TA		5.42 g/L
PH		3.40 pH
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