



**Vintage**

2015

**Varietal**

47% Malbec  
30% Petit Verdot  
23% Cabernet Sauvignon

**Appellation**

Oak Knoll District of  
Napa Valley

**Estate Vineyard**

100% Main Ranch

**Harvest**

September 10–October 3

**Oak**

18 months in (54% new)  
53% French  
30% Hungarian  
17% American

**Alcohol**

14.5%



## 2015 Dragon's Tooth

The red dragon on the label of our Dragon's Tooth Napa Valley Red Wine originated in ancient British legend where two dragons—one red, one white—fight in the sky. The boy Merlin watches them with King Vortigern and when the red prevails, driving the white across the sea, the boy foretells the coming of King Arthur who will lead Vortigern's people, the Welsh, to victory over the invading Saxons.

Catherine Trefethen, our First Lady, was Welsh. Her loves for wine, gardens and family were the inspiration for our estate in Napa Valley's Oak Knoll District, and though she has departed, her spirit is still felt, especially in the cool foggy mornings when mist envelops the vineyard and our minds tend towards whimsical imaginings.

### The Vintage

With a warm spring, the vines got off to an early start. The weather turned cool during bloom which impacted fruit set and resulted in fewer grapes per cluster. The size of the crop was further reduced as the dry soils, from a lack of late rains, led to smaller grapes. The weather was warm throughout the summer leading right into one of our earliest harvests ever. The resulting wines are fantastic as the smaller grapes and fine weather contributed to ideal ripeness with very concentrated flavors.

### The Wine

This alluring blend features rich aromas of blackberry and cracked pepper. On the palate, the flavors include more dark berries and a touch of freshly baked pastry. Malbec brings the color and diversity of fruit; Petit Verdot and Cabernet Sauvignon lend the darker fruits and robust structure. While in its youth, this wine will benefit from decanting before serving.

### Food Affinities

Grilled steak, roasted lamb or duck breast are our favorite meats to pair with Dragon's Tooth. The wine also shines with dark fruit reduction sauces.

**GOLD** (v. 2014)

*San Francisco Chronicle Wine Competition* January 2017

**90 POINTS** (v. 2013)

Robert Parker, *The Wine Advocate* December 2015

**93 POINTS** (v. 2012)

James Suckling July 2015



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