

2015 Turnbull Black Label product-pdf - Cabernet Sauvignon, Oakville - JD97, VN95, WA94 --- Incredible Napa Cab

Why We're Drinking It

An iconic wine of the Napa Valley, Turnbull's Black Label Cabernet is a special, age worthy bottling for the most discerning of Napa Cabernet enthusiasts. A blend of two preeminent estate vineyards, the Leopoldina and Fortuna, where each provides a unique profile to craft the ultimate blend. The Leopoldina Vineyard is known for its big, dark, hedonistic notes with immense structure and texture while the Fortuna Vineyard provides lift, focus, floral notes and brighter fruit to balance the resulting blend.

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Tasting Notes

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Blend 96% Cabernet Sauvignon, 2% Malbec, 2% Petit Verdot

VARIETAL

Cabernet Sauvignon

APPELLATION

Oakville

ALCOHOL

14.50

SIZE

750ml

BLEND

Cabernet Sauvignon

The Story to Know

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.

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.

Ratings

97pts, Jeb Dunnuck

A big, opulent wine that stays pure and balanced, the 2015 Cabernet Sauvignon Black Label boasts a deep purple color as well as vibrant notes of beautiful crème de cassis and blueberry-like fruit supported by ample violets, graphite, and charcoal nuances. Deep, rich and powerful, yet light on its feet, it has building tannin and is going to need 4-5 years of bottle age. It should age effortlessly for 20-25 years.

95pts, Vinous

One of the many highlights in this lineup, the 2015 Cabernet Sauvignon Black Label is a fabulous, full-throttle wine loaded with personality. Ample and luscious to its core, the Black Label is also one of the more extroverted wines in the Turnbull range. A rush of black cherry, plum, licorice, menthol and cloves add to a distinctly sepia-toned expression of Cabernet Sauvignon. Most of this fruit comes from the Leopoldina vineyard.

94+pts, Robert Parker Wine Advocate

The 2015 Cabernet Sauvignon Black Label sports a deep garnet-purple color and nose of crème de cassis, mocha and mulberries with touches of spice box, roses and black tea plus a waft of cigar box. Full-bodied and concentrated with a firm frame of grainy tannins and seamless freshness, it finishes long and layered.

93pts, Wine Enthusiast

This bold, beautifully made wine is sizable in tannin while imparting an old-world entry of herbaceousness and classic notions of pencil shavings and cedar. Gritty on the palate, it flirts with black cherry, currant and cassis before offering a rounded lengthy finish of clove and tobacco.

92pts, Wine Spectator

Ripe to the edge of berry jam, this offers a tight framework and a supple texture, even with substantial tannins. Ends as it begins, with a forceful presence. Drink now. 1,000 cases made.
