

LA STELLA

LA SOPHIA 2015

The Winemaker's Notes

La Sophia is our small lot 100% Cabernet Sauvignon bottling. Akin to the great examples of Cabernet Sauvignon from the coastal areas of Tuscany: Maremma and Bolgheri. Similarly, La Sophia draws a comparison to great Cabernets from Washington State rather than the plusher and fatter examples from Napa Valley.

2015 La Sophia like past vintages continues to wow right off the bat. None of the "green mean leafy" notes from underripe or overcropped Cabernet is found here. The colour is deep purple and opaque. La Sophia presents a great nose of cassis and elderberry mingling with cigar box, dusty pottery studio notes, dry sauna, grilled Anaheim peppers and cured tobacco leaves. Whispers of aromatic herbs like rosemary and thyme weave in and out. On the palate, there is great weight, firm and chewy tannins with a balanced natural acidity. Decant for an extended time or keep your hands off and let this jewel of a Cabernet slumber in the cellar for at least a few years. A monumental Cab.

FOOD PAIRING:

Herb crusted rack of lamb is a winning pairing.

The Details

Grape Variety:	100% Cabernet Sauvignon
Grown:	100% North Oliver (extension of Black Sage Bench)
Vineyard:	U2
Soil Origin:	Glacio fluvial
Soil Type:	silt and gravel mix/alluvial deposit and sand. The site's geology is very complex and varies from row to row
Age of Vines:	Mostly 30 year old vines. Some of the vines are from late 70s and 80s
Yield:	3 tons/acre
Production Size:	125 cases
Alcohol:	14.30%
Clarification:	Unfined, lightly filtered
Aging:	19 months in French oak barrel, 40% new oak, 60% neutral

