



# CAIN VINEYARD

## *Cain Cuvée NV15*

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From the beginning, Cain has not tried to “out-Napa” Napa. Instead, it has insisted on a quieter, more intellectual aspiration: that a Cabernet-based wine can be classical without being generic, and that the best argument for greatness is not sheer ripeness, but the particularity of a site – and the discipline to let it speak. Founded in 1980 when Jerry and Joyce Cain acquired 550 acres of the historic McCormick Ranch on Spring Mountain, the estate was planted to the five classic Bordeaux varieties and has been guided since 1991 by winemaker Christopher Howell, whose commitment to classical technique and mountain restraint has defined the house style for over three decades.

Cain Cuvée is a “Cain original” – intentionally more approachable and famously multi-vintage, drawing fruit from both mountain and valley sites. Since 1998, blending two vintages has been central to the project: a method that creates balance and complexity no single vintage can achieve alone. The goal is drinkability, versatility, complexity, and satisfaction – a red to drink right now with a distinct personality and a touch of class.

The NV15 is a composition of 2014 and 2015, two rather powerful years. 2014 was the third year of drought; 2015 had very low yields due to cool, foggy weather during flowering. The result carries a bit more weight on the palate than its predecessors. A big chunk of the inimitable Cain Vineyard is here – fresh, aromatic, savory – with the lightest, most drinkable lots chosen specifically for the Cuvée, often from the coolest parts of the vineyard and usually from the older vintage with more time in cellar. This is a wine of intention.

*“Harvested, vinified, and blended for freshness, lightness, complexity, and balance.”*

### **APPELLATION**

*Napa Valley*

### **VINTAGES**

*2014, 2015*

### **VINEYARD SOURCES**

*70% Spring Mountain District,  
30% Valley Floor*

### **STYLE**

*Multi-Vintage Blend*

### **COOPERAGE**

*French Oak*

### **WINEMAKER**

*Christopher Howell*