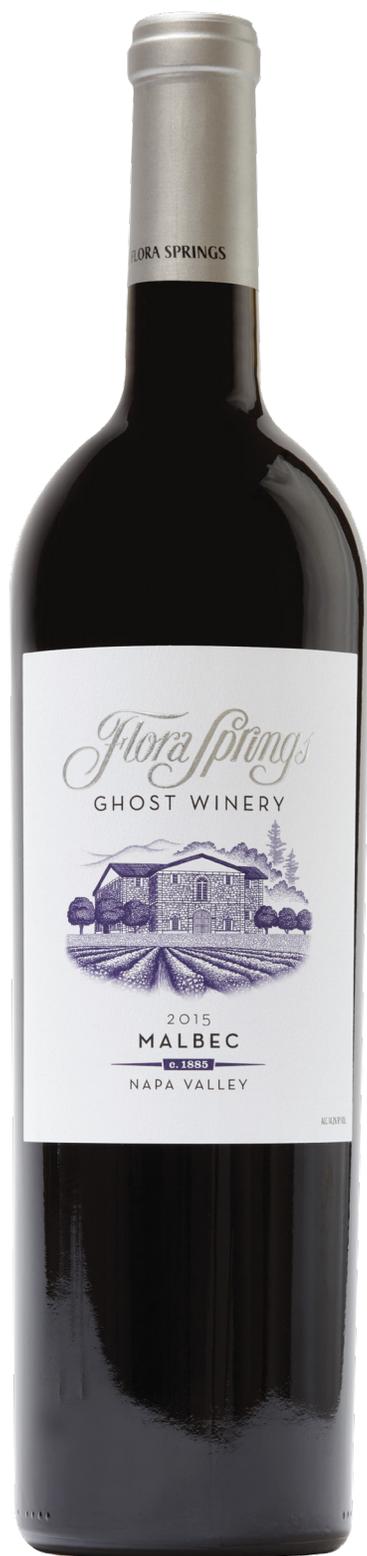




# FLORA SPRINGS



Flora Springs has the distinction of being home to one of Napa Valley’s original “ghost wineries” – wineries built between 1860 and 1900 but abandoned in the early 20th century due to the triple threat of the vine disease phylloxera, the Great Depression, and of course Prohibition. Today, some of the ghost wineries still exist as tumbledown ruins, but others, such as Flora Springs, have been renovated and restored to their former glory. Each year we bottle a small amount of estate-grown Malbec in honor of our winery’s illustrious history. Featuring a hand-drawn etching of our historic stone cellar, the Ghost Winery Malbec evokes early Flora Springs labels in its look and typeface.

## WINEMAKER NOTES

Sourced from two small blocks within Komes Ranch in Rutherford, this limited-production Malbec from the 2015 vintage will arouse your senses with its aromas and flavors of deep fruits including dark plum, blueberry and blackberry. The wine glides easily over the palate as it gains density and weight, its fruit is deftly balanced with notes of warm baking spice, bittersweet chocolate and espresso.

## ALL THE FACTS

**Appellation:** *Rutherford, Napa Valley*

**Varietal:** *100% Malbec*

**Cases Produced:** *490*

**Aging:** *22 months 100% barrel aged  
– 32% New, 40% 1 yr, 16% 2yr and 13% 3 yr*

**Suggested Retail Price:** *\$55*

**Enjoyability:** *Now through 2025*

## ON THE VINE

The 2015 vintage in Napa Valley will be remembered for high quality but low yields. The growing season began with warm temperatures in late winter and early spring resulting in an early bud break. In May, colder temperatures during bloom caused fruit set to be uneven, yielding a much smaller crop compared to earlier vintages. Winemakers and vineyard managers worked closely together as the season progressed to ensure grapes ripened uniformly. The harvest, which was in full swing by mid-August, was one of the earliest on record in Napa Valley, and most vintners completed picking by mid-October. Although the continuing drought was a concern around California, Napa Valley received 75% of its annual rainfall average in 2015 making it less worrisome for Napa vintners.