

## 2015 The Boatman Red Wine | *California*

**Vineyard-** Sourced from vineyards in California's greatest wine growing regions. The blend for Boatman derives from Mendocino County, Amador County and Lodi.

**Vintage-** The 2015 vintage offered excellent growing conditions. A mild winter and spring compounded with almost no rain contributed to early ripening, low to moderate yields and highly concentrated grapes resulting in exceptional quality. 2015 is one of the earliest vintages we've seen in over a decade, but it will also go down as one of the best.

**Fermentation-** The grapes were picked at dawn then crushed and destemmed quickly to tanks while still cold. After a long cold soak, fermentation was initiated, tanks were allowed to heat up for maximum extraction of fruit and color. The fermenting wine was pumped over twice a day to give the yeast plenty of oxygen for a nice clean fermentation. Once dry the grapes were lightly pressed off the skins and a young Boatman was born!

**Winemaker:** Dan Fitzgerald

**Assistant Winemaker:** Nicole Michael

**Bottling:** March 2015

**Sensory Notes:** This wine is deep purple in color. The nose is fragrant with rhubarb, blackberry and crushed peppercorns. The palate is voluptuous with broad weight and mouthfeel. Black cherries, violets and a touch of savory charcuterie round out a lengthy, elegant finish.

**Final Technical Information:**

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**Alc:** 13.8%

**Available Formats:** 750ml

**Suggested Retail Price:** \$12.99

**Varietals:** 46% Alicante Bouschet  
54% Malbec

