



HILL FAMILY
E S T A T E



2015 Origin

Production: 1,615 cases

Varietal Composition: 47% Merlot, 25% Cabernet Sauvignon, 21% Malbec, 4% Petit Verdot, 3% Cabernet Franc

Vineyards: Beau Terrior, Beau Terre, Dunlap, Bardessono, Baker, Flat Rock and Windy Flats

Appellations: Oak Knoll, Carneros, Yountville, Atlas Peak

Cooperage: 60% new oak barrels aged for 16 months. Of the new barrels, 50% French Oak (Remond, Trust Ingenieux Rouge, Treuil Terroir, Orion, Tonnellerie O), 15% Trust Hungarian, 5% American Oak (Canton) and 30% Stavin French oak

Alcohol: 14.8% alc, 3.80 pH, 0.57 TA

Bottling date: March 7, 2017

Release date: Spring 2019

Release price: \$50.00

Origin is our chance to create a stylish and intriguing blend from all the possible lots we make. All five Bordeaux varietals are included in the 2015 Origin, as the Cabernet Franc that Doug planted at the Beau Terrior Vineyard had its first harvest. The hillside Merlot at Beau Terrior in Carneros is charming and rich, and Beau Terre in Oak Knoll added structure and plushy fruit to the blend. Malbec, with its big color and lower tannins, has become a big part of the palate structure for the Origin. Petit Verdot and Cabernet Franc added serious texture to balance the Malbec, and Cabernet Sauvignon adds dignity to all blends. We made the final blend in August 2016, and Origin was bottled with no fining or filtration.

Winemaker Alison Doran's tasting notes:

The 2015 Origin has lovely aromas of blackberry and raspberry fruit with dark roses. The broad entry has a big mouthful of berries and crunchy cherry. The ripe and intense mid palate rolls into more sweet fruit – blueberry, red currant, and plum, with some chewy tannins hanging around the edges.