

# RANCH

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*Nestled on the west side of the Salinas Valley, directly in the path of the region's relentless afternoon winds, lies Ranch 32. Here, warm sunny days are tempered by evening coastal fogs that often linger until mid-morning the following day. This ideal climate lengthens the growing season, allowing the fruit to develop complex flavors and intense varietal character.*



## 2015

## COOPER'S BLEND

APPELLATION  
Monterey County

### VARIETAL COMPOSITION

30% Petite Sirah, 25% Merlot, 18% Petit Verdot, 14% Syrah, 9% Tempranillo, 3% White Riesling, 1% Chardonnay

### DESCRIPTION

Our 2015 Cooper's Blend is a harmonious blend of seven varieties that each contribute unique flavors and characteristics to the final wine. The Petite Sirah brings very dark, purple-edged color and intense black fruit flavors. The Merlot and Syrah offer bold blueberry and juicy cherry and the Petit Verdot contributes exotic violet aromas and concentrated structure. The Tempranillo adds a subtle spice, while a small amount of White Riesling and Chardonnay bring heightened fruit aromatics to the blend. The result is a wine of complexity and structure, with layer upon layer of flavor. The gentle tannins make this well-balanced wine a natural partner for a wide range of foods.

### WINEMAKING

Our estate fruit was picked at optimum ripeness during the night and brought to the winery in the very early morning hours. The grapes were sorted, destemmed, crushed, and fermented dry in open top fermenters. The firm cap of skins and seeds that bubbles up and forms on the surface during red fermentation was gently punched down several times a day. To add complexity and retain character, each variety was fermented separately, then aged with a mix of American, Hungarian and French oak. During the blending process, just prior to bottling, the proportion of each variety was chosen to accentuate richness of flavor and to maximize depth, complexity, mouthfeel and finish.

### ANALYSIS

Alcohol: 14.5% pH: 3.7 TA: 6.0 g/L  
Harvest Brix: 25.1° average

Harvest Dates: September 5 - October 15, 2015  
Bottling Dates: October 10 - 12, 2016