

# Nice Winery

## 2015 Courage Red Blend – *Napa Valley, CA*

33% Merlot, 31% Cabernet Sauvignon, 23% Zinfandel, 10% Petite Sirah, 2% Malbec, 1% Petit Verdot

**Awards: Double Gold Medal, Class Champion,**  
**2019 Rodeo Uncorked!** Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo International  
Wine Competition (2014 Vintage)

### About the Wine:

Courage honors the sacrifice and bravery of countless unsung community heroes. The 2015 vintage of Courage has special significance since we blended this wine during the harrowing days of the 2018 wildfires that devastated entire communities. We pay tribute to the courage and tenacity those first-responders have shown by coming together to rebuild their lives in the face of extreme adversity.

The backbone of this wine consists of varietals all farmed from family-owned vineyards on the valley floor of Napa Valley. The origin of these superior grapes is an indicator of the quality and value of this epic blend. A full 64% is Cabernet Sauvignon and Merlot. The Merlot balances and softens the powerful fruit components in the robust Cabernet Sauvignon. The next 23% is Napa Valley Zinfandel, a powerhouse grape that add texture, weight, body and longevity. The final 10% is Petite Sirah which adds a deep purple color and blackberry jam aromatics. 3% of the wine is Malbec and Petit Verdot to add roundness and structure, respectively.

Each of these grape varietals were aged separately, in oak barrels, for a minimum of 18 months until they acquired the perfect balance of fruit and baking spice aromas (think cocoa, vanilla, nutmeg, clove, anise). The blend was allowed to settle for 9 months, giving the grapes time to come together and “get to know each other.” The result is complex, delicious, and layered with flavor. This wine opens beautifully with 30 minutes of decanting. It pairs with savory winter dishes like Beef Bourguignon, smoked turkey stew, and roasted root vegetables.

**Tasting Notes:** Black Cherry. Stewed Fruits. Blueberry. Clove. Vanilla Bean. Cocoa.

### About Ryan and Ian

Certified Sommeliers, Wine Educators, and Le Cordon Bleu-trained Chefs, Ryan Levy and Ian Eastveld, are the “Foodie Superduo” behind Nice Winery. Their chef-driven wines have been lauded in Wine Enthusiast, awarded 94 point ratings, gold medals, and are featured on top wine lists. When not making their hand-crafted wines, the chefs teach about wine and food at their Houston winery and tasting studio.



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