

# Nice Winery

## 2015 Notorious Cabernet

*Mt. Veeder, Napa Valley*



**Awards: Silver Medal, 2019 Rodeo Uncorked!** Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo International Wine Competition

### About the Wine

Mt. Veeder produces staggeringly intense and complex wines from its high-altitude estate vineyards. This wild and isolated wine-growing region features panoramic views, sparse soils, steep terrain, and some of the lowest yields in all of the Napa Valley. Fierce winds and rocky, gravelly soil create grapes with intense flavor and ripe tannins. This vineyard is famous for its rugged terrain, where virtually all work in the vineyard must be done by hand.

While 75% of this wine is made from some of the best Cabernet Sauvignon grapes in all of Napa, it is the Saint Macaire component of the wine that really gets wine geeks excited. Saint Macaire was a rare red varietal grown on the right bank of the River Garonne, south of Bordeaux and is named for the medieval town of Saint Macaire. The region was known for its white wines that went quite well with spicy imported delicacies from the Caribbean and Basque country. However, the rare soft red wine was also very popular especially with the English who at the time were in control of much of Aquitaine region including Bordeaux. Because of this, the Saint Macaire varietal was used in several of the big Bordeaux house's wines until it's demise from the phylloxera plague. St. Macaire adds roundness and softness to the strong tannic structure of the Cabernet Sauvignon. We are very excited to resurrect and introduce you to this rare and beautiful grape.

The final blend of this mouthwatering wine is 75% Cabernet Sauvignon, 16% St. Macaire, and 8% Merlot. Please decant this wine for 40 minutes before enjoying. It is ready to drink now, but will continue to age gracefully in the bottle for at least 15 years.

**Tasting notes:** Stewed Stone Fruits. Blueberry. Blackberry. Cocoa. Fig. Floral. Vanilla.

### 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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