

FRANCIS COPPOLA

DIAMOND COLLECTION

"The inspiration for the Diamond Collection was a bottle of 1906 Claret we found in the cellar of the Napa Valley property we purchased in 1975. We didn't really know what Claret was but learned it was the British name for Cabernet blends. I liked the word Claret because the definition implied something that was clear and pure, but I was discouraged from using the term because people wouldn't know what it meant. Despite opposition, we created a red blend and launched the Diamond Collection with Black Label Claret as our flagship wine.

—Francis Ford Coppola

FRANCIS COPPOLA DIAMOND COLLECTION 2015 CLARET CABERNET SAUVIGNON

Diamond Collection Claret typically includes some combination of Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Cabernet Franc, Petit Verdot and Malbec to create a prestige Bordeaux-style blend, bottled with gold netting in the way Europe's finest wines were once presented. Claret fruit is grown in a range of vineyards from diverse locations resulting in greater complexity. This vintage the majority of fruit came from Solano, El Dorado, and Lake counties, appellations that feature volcanic soils and higher elevations.

WINEMAKER'S NOTES

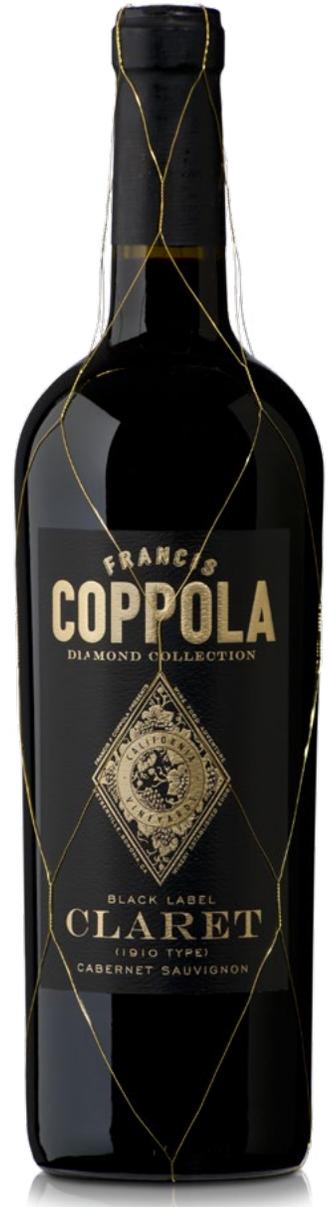
We came off an early vintage in 2014 only to have an even earlier season in 2015. Limited rainfall in the spring reduced yields and contributed to fruit with very good concentration. Our 2015 Diamond Claret offers voluptuous body and supple tannins with loads of red and black fruits, toasted spices, and an intriguing floral nuance.

TASTING PROFILE

Appearance Garnet
Aromas Black currants, raspberries, violets, anise
Flavors Cherries, pomegranate, toasted oak, vanilla



Corey Beck, Winemaker



<i>Appellation</i>	California
<i>Blend</i>	76% Cabernet Sauvignon, 16% Petit Verdot, 4% Cabernet Franc, 4% Merlot
<i>Alcohol</i>	13.9%
<i>Total Acid</i>	.58g/100ml
<i>pH</i>	3.62
<i>Barrel Regimen</i>	12 months in French oak
<i>Released</i>	September 2016