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VINTAGE

REPORT

2015

"Once again, the Oregon wine industry experienced another extraordinary, nearly ideal growing season. The result was concentrated, balanced fruit throughout the state." - *Oregon Wine Board*



VINTAGE NOTES \sim FROM THE WINERY:

2015 was the earliest harvest in King Estate history. A dry, mild winter led to early bud break in mid- to late March, about two weeks ahead of normal. With minimal frost damage to worry about during winter, there was an abundance of fruit set by early June.



Warm temperatures throughout spring and summer kept the vines ahead of their seasonal average maturation, while a slight reprieve from the heat arrived around harvest and helped to preserve acidity and allowed for optimal flavor development. The fruit benefited from extended hang time and came in perfectly ripe.



"The game-changer for Oregon in the 2015 harvest is that just as we are acquiring profound respect in the wine world, we come up with the greatest vintage we have ever seen."

- Ed King, Co-Founder & CEO

"It was a consistently hot year which could have caused problems at the end of the season, but September cooled down to more normal temperatures, allowing for a longer ripening period. Dry weather during harvest allowed us to pick grapes when they were ready, not because they had to be picked."



- Ray Nuclo, Director of Viticulture and Winery Operations