

# Carol Shelton

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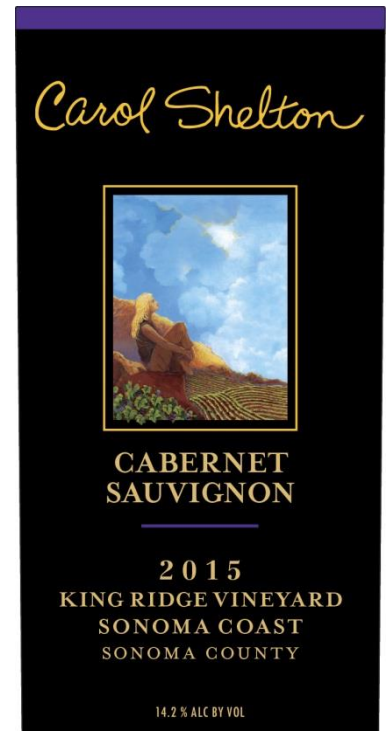
## **KING RIDGE RESERVE**

### **Cabernet Sauvignon**

King Ridge Vineyard, Cazadero-Sonoma Coast\*\*

The high elevation of this vineyard (2000 feet in “coastal” west Sonoma County) gives it an elegant flavor profile, a bit similar to our wines from the Rockpile AVA. The vineyard faces several sheer granite rock outcroppings called The Devil’s Ribs, which absorb all the sun’s heat all day long and radiate it back slowly all night, allowing the fruit to get more evenly ripe earlier in the harvest season. It is graciously styled with black cherry-cassis fruit and a nice hint of tobacco and cedar-spice, with a long smooth finish.

Winemaker’s Tasting Notes:	Dark red in color. Black cherry-cola and cassis fruit, long and deep on nose and palate. Cedary oak spice and warm pipe tobacco aromas, dark chocolate, vanilla at finish, smoothly structured tannins.
Harvest Date:	September 16, 2015
Average Brix at Harvest:	22.9°Brix
Fermentation Characteristics:	20 days total on skins, including 6-day cold soak and 7 days extended maceration Fermented in 0.8-ton T-bins (4 yeasts) & punched down by hand 2-3 times/day
Cellar Storage/Aging:	42 months (3.5 YEARS!) in 100% NEW French oak barrels
Alcohol:	14.45%
Total Acidity:	0.75 gm/100ml      pH: 3.55
Varietal :	96% Cabernet Sauvignon, 4% Petite Sirah
Appellation :	King Ridge Vineyard, 1700 ft Sonoma Coast AVA Sustainably farmed by Ron Sikorski



\*\*Note: In the Sonoma Coast AVA, Cazadero is known for having the highest rainfall of anyplace in the county—this is above the fog and the adjacent granite rock face heats it up so it can ripen earlier.

Cases produced:	167 cases
Bottling Date:	May 24, 2019
Release Date:	Summer 2020

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