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V I N E Y A R D S

Cabernet Sauvignon

NAPA VALLEY

2014 Vintage



TASTING NOTES The 2014 Cabernet Sauvignon highlights blackberry, dried blueberry and violet with notes of graphite and cloves followed by opulent layers of black currant jam, roasted coffee, tobacco, dried fig and vanilla bean. A full-bodied, deeply concentrated wine with supple tannins and a lengthy finish.

GROWING SEASON The 2014 Napa Valley growing season began with mild winter temperatures and dry conditions until February. Spring rains brought much needed moisture to the soil and filled our vineyard reservoirs. Bud break occurred three to four weeks earlier than 2013 with an average period between bud break and bloom. Frost was of no issue and the February and March rains provided for optimum vine growth. Consistent temperatures during the summer growing months with very few heat spikes created ideal ripening conditions for an early harvest. At the onset of harvest, the flavors, acidity and tannins were further along in their development than the two previous years. Grapes achieved phenomenal fruit characteristics early and their maturation occurred at a steady, even pace. Consistency in the blocks and intense flavors at harvest were key characteristics to 2014.

WINEMAKING NOTES

VARIETAL BREAKDOWN VINEYARD SELECTIONS

84% Cabernet Sauvignon
8% Merlot
4% Petit Verdot
2% Cabernet Franc
2% Malbec

37% Home Ranch — St. Helena AVA
37% Suscol — Napa Valley AVA
14% Yountville — Oak Knoll AVA
10% Barboza & Las Rocas — Stags Leap AVA
2% Banca Dorada — Rutherford AVA

BARREL AGING

The wine was aged for eighteen months in 48% new oak (58% French, 42% American) and 52% used French and American oak barrels before bottling.