

2014 CABERNET SAUVIGNON

SONOMA COUNTY

98% *Cabernet Sauvignon*, 1% *Malbec*, 1% *Petit Verdot*

ALCOHOL 14.8% | BOTTLING JUNE 2016 | CASE PRODUCTION 77,000
AGING 18 MONTHS, 100% FRENCH OAK | WINEMAKER CHRIS LOUTON

VINTAGE

Warm sunny days throughout the spring and summer months set the stage for a spectacular harvest in September 2014. The lack of rain meant that harvest began a little earlier than normal and was short in length, finishing up by the end of October. The temperate days leading up to harvest produced good yields of high quality fruit with concentrated flavors, complex aromatics and excellent structure.

VINEYARDS

Fruit for our Sonoma County Cabernet Sauvignon comes from our estate vineyards in the Sonoma and Russian River Valleys, as well as from growers in Sonoma County's other top appellations, including Dry Creek Valley and Alexander Valley. Each carefully selected vineyard contributes distinctive and individual qualities to the finished wine.

WINEMAKING

All grapes are gently de-stemmed before cold-soaking for two days to extract optimal color and flavor. The fruit is fermented in separate lots, allowing each lot to be individually and distinctly crafted before being aged in French oak barrels, 20% new. The wines are kept 18 months in barrel before final blending.

TASTING NOTES

This is a beautifully balanced wine with aromas of cassis, black cherry and cocoa powder along with rich fruit flavors of dark plum and cherry pie finishing with a note of graphite. A classic Cabernet Sauvignon showing off deep color, layered aromatics and generous tannins.

ACCOLADES

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Double Gold Medal | 2017 Sonoma County Harvest Fair

Gold Medal & 91 Points | San Francisco International Wine Competition



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