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2014 CABERNET SAUVIGNON NAPA VALLEY

Vintage

Coming on the heels of 2013, which had been heralded the “vintage of the decade”, 2014 certainly had a lot to live up to. One of the driest winters on record for California, most of the rainfall came in February and March and was quickly followed by warm soil temperatures. Fast spring growth set the valley off and running, in some cases seeing bud break and veraison almost 2 weeks ahead of schedule. The lack of major heat spike, allowed for longer hang times and (coupled with higher degree days and drier soils) increased concentration and complexity – winemakers were again allowed the chance to pick when it suited them, at the best representation of varietal and terroir. A 6.0 earthquake on August 24th did not affect the crop at all, and although it will most likely be remembered as “the earthquake vintage”, the 2014’s will go down in history as the best of the stellar 12-13-14 vintage string, and one with higher than average yields and exceptional quality.

Vineyard

Our family vineyard is located on 40 acres of Napa Valley floor just north of St. Helena on the Silverado Trail. It has well-drained, sandy, alluvial soils and is characterized by its ability to produce complex wines with well-defined fruit flavors, gentle acids and naturally balanced tannins. The 5 blocks of Cabernet planted on this vineyard are picked and aged separately, then blended together to create our Napa Valley Cabernet.

Wine Profile

A vibrant example of 2014’s excellence! Concentrated aromas of blueberry, Marionberry, cassis, slate, sandalwood, nutmeg and oak are apparent right from the get-go. Rich and balanced on the palate, luscious cherry / blackberry compote, brambleberry pie, cacao nib, spicy herbs and brulee give way to a long finish rife with tobacco and chocolate notes. Excellent now, and in the years to come. Drink through 2024.

Technical Information:

Vineyard Manager:	Eric Titus	Bottled:	April 2016
Winemaker:	Phillip Titus	Cases Produced:	3971
Appellation:	Napa Valley	Release:	June 2016
Harvest Date :	October 2014	Barrel Aging:	18 months, 45% New Oak French, Hungarian & American
Blend:	82% Cabernet Sauvignon	Alcohol:	14.9%
	7% Malbec	Total Acidity:	.60g/100 ml
	6.5% Petit Verdot	pH:	3.85
	4.5% Merlot		

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