

## 2014 Cabernet Sauvignon

Bartolucci Vineyard

## Winemaking Notes

FRUIT 100% Cabernet Sauvignon from the Bartolucci Vineyard on Dean York Lane in St.

Helena.

VINTAGE In spite of the drought and the South Napa earthquake, vintners are using words like

"quality," "depth of flavor" and "excellent" to describe their expectations for the 2014 vintage in Napa Valley. Many are also noting "perfect weather," "abundant crop" and "good fortune" among the blessings they are counting in a season where Mother Nature

threw a rockin' curveball.

Harvest started and ended earlier than usual. The first grapes for sparkling wine picked on July 30 and nearly all harvest activity was completed by the third week in October –

for many, a full two weeks ahead of the normal harvest schedule.

VINEYARD Located at the base of Spring Mountain on the west side of St. Helena, this vineyard has

been farmed by the Bartolucci family for three generations. With its well-drained soil

and gentle slopes, this vineyard is perfect for growing Cabernet Sauvignon.

HARVEST September 12-15, 2014

Brix at Harvest: 26.8

WINEMAKING The wine was pressed after 30-32 days on the skins and aged for 20 months in new

French oak barrels. Bottled July 18, 2016. This cabernet selection ages beautifully.

While enjoyable now, it will continue to develop through 2025, if not longer

**Tasting Notes** Boysenberry, black cherry, and violet notes wrapped in vanilla, caramel and toasty oak.

Round, silky-rich mid-palate, cocoa powder and black tea textures on the finish.