



2014 Cabernet Sauvignon

Rafael Vineyard

Winemaking Notes

- FRUIT** 100% Cabernet Sauvignon from the Rafael Vineyard on Dry Creek Road in the Oak Knoll District
- 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** This Oak Knoll District vineyard is tucked up against the base of the western hills of Napa Valley. This cooler region of Napa Valley produces rich, supple Cabernet Sauvignon.
- HARVEST DATES** October 7-8, 2014
Average Degrees Brix: 26.3-27.0
- WINEMAKING** The wine was pressed after 21 days on the skins and aged for 20 months in French oak barrels. (100% new barrels)
- Tasting Notes** Cranberry and black cherry, spiced with white pepper and coriander seed and a hint of black olive. Elegant, bright and age-worthy, with lingering fruit and spice on the finish.
Bottled July 19, 2016