



2014 29 ESTATE CABERNET SAUVIGNON



Harvest Dates: September 8 – October 10, 2014

Barrel Age: 20 months, 85% new, 100% French oak

Cooperage: Taransaud, Demptos, Ermitage, Baron

Bottling Date: June 7, 2016

Alcohol: 14.9%

Release Date: Fall 2017

Cases Produced: 740

Release Price: \$295 - 750ml

Library Price: \$395 - 750ml

THE VINEYARD Our 29 Estate Vineyard sits on a hillside just at the “pinch” of Napa Valley’s hourglass shape. Excellent airflow provides natural frost protection, while the fertile clay loam soils encourage deeply rooted vines, yielding powerfully concentrated cabernet sauvignon tempered by markedly floral, velvet elegance and explosive aromatic.

THE VINTAGE The 2014 growing season marked the third consecutive year of drought in California. An exceptionally dry winter, with some of the coldest days on record, led to an early bud break and the start of the growing season. It was a decently early and smooth harvest, with one huge interruption — the 6.0 magnitude earthquake that rocked Napa Valley. Vineyard 29 was, fortunately, unharmed in the earthquake, but it left many vintners working on repairs in the middle of harvest. Otherwise, ideal picking conditions led to a stunning vintage. Despite the low yields, the wines from 2014 are concentrated and have a serious richness.

THE WINE The 2014 Vineyard 29 Estate Cabernet Sauvignon starts with beautiful notes of chocolate covered strawberries, then opens up into a luxurious balance of dark cherries and dark chocolate with marjoram and thyme. Intense black fruit on the palate with satin tannins and a lengthy finish of ripe fruits make this a cabernet that can be enjoyed now or aged for years to come. This offering pairs perfectly at our winery library tasting with grilled beef tenderloin, a caramelized onion galette, charred broccolini topped with a compound butter of thyme, red wine and green garlic.

THE UPDATE The 29 Estate Cabernet is darker with a blacker fruit profile than most aged 29 Estate Cabernets. The fruit is all cassis and blackberry with hints of cocoa powder, coffee grounds and, as usual, fresh violets add to the complexity of this wine. The richness and concentration is certainly apparent but the elegance and polish of 29 Estate Cabernet shines through. I am very encouraged and excited to taste the 2014 estate Cabernets at age 10, though I am fully confident that they will continue to age gracefully and evolve for another then plus years.