



2014 AIDA ESTATE CABERNET SAUVIGNON



Harvest Dates: September 5 – September 18, 2014

Barrel Age: 18 months, 75% new French oak

Cooperage: Taransaud, Demptos, Ermitage, Baron, Saury

Bottling Date: June 5, 2016

Alcohol: 14.9%

Release Date: Spring 2017

Cases Produced: 740

Release Price: \$295 - 750ml

Library Price: \$395 - 750ml

THE VINEYARD Our Aida Estate Vineyard has confirmed our initial belief that this site would be the ideal location for growing Bordeaux varietals. Just north of the pinch in the hourglass of the Napa Valley, the cabernet sauvignon grapes from our Aida Estate provide the bold, structured backbone for this immensely enjoyable wine.

THE VINTAGE The 2014 growing season was characterized by a considerably dry winter throughout December and January. Late winter rains in February and early March provided adequate water to the vines. Warm spring temperatures led way to an early bud break with moderate vine growth through the spring months. A warm summer with a few hot streaks, provided ideal growing conditions for an early harvest. Small but dense clusters with great concentration of flavors yielded an abundant crop. 2014 will be remembered as the year of the earthquake (August 24th) and the wines will be remembered as fruit forward, approachable upon release but with enough structure and concentration to age gracefully.

THE WINE Our 2014 Vineyard 29 Aida Estate Cabernet Sauvignon beautifully concentrated aromas of espresso beans, black currants and burning embers opens with gentle swirling from the glass. Cassis, scorched earth and notes of chocolate Bavarian cake round out a rich, generous palate. Full-bodied in weight and texture, the everlasting finishing on this wine will leave you breathless. Decant while young, this wine will cellar well for 20+ years.

THE UPDATE The 2014 Aida Estate has all of the signature earth-driven characteristics of Aida along with racy acid structure, verve and energy throughout. The fruit profile is deep red with hints of black and the wine really comes together and rounds out in the glass over a period of 20–30 minutes. Juicy red plum fruits are complemented by chewy tannins and a supple mouthfeel. Delicious at age 10.