



2014 District Collection St. Helena Cabernet Sauvignon



TECHNICAL NOTES

Appellation: St. Helena, Napa Valley

Varietal: 100% Cabernet Sauvignon

Alcohol: 15%

pH: 3.84

TA: 6.6 g/L

Fermentation: 19 months in French Oak, 41% new oak

In the Vineyard

The grapes for the St. Helena Cabernet Sauvignon were sourced from two main vineyards located on the West side of St. Helena. These vineyards are located on gravelly alluvial fan soil with excellent drainage, an essential component in high quality fruit development. The vines are less vigorous in this area of the Napa Valley, producing smaller berries and lower yields, for more concentrated, intense wines with good tannin structure. The wine is produced to showcase the terroir and distinct flavor characteristics of our cherished vineyards.

About the Vintage

The 2014 vintage in Napa Valley was one of the earliest harvested vintages in years. A warm spring led to early bud break and created the perfect environment for flowering and fruit set. With warm days and cool nights, our team was able to maintain ideal acid levels with optimum, bright fruit flavors.

Conversations with the Winemaker

A mix of clones 4 and 7, the grapes were fermented on the skins for 34-38 days. After extended maceration and fermentation, the wine was gently pressed, racked and aged for 20 months in 100% French oak barrels, with 41% in new oak from Ermitage and Taransaud coopers primarily. Tightly grained French oak barrels impart their oak to wines slowly for a consistent, well-rounded aging process while yielding subtle oak influences to the Cabernet Sauvignon.

Wine Profile

Our 2014 St. Helena Cabernet Sauvignon offers enticing aromas of fresh raspberry, strawberry and brandied cherries. Flavors of raspberry compote, Santa Rosa plum, and sweet vanilla are complemented by a touch of allspice and coffee notes on the finish. This is a nicely balanced wine with a broad entry, sweet tannins and a balance of depth and density that lead to a long, satisfying finish.