

NAPA VALLEY

Raymond

2014 Generations Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon



TECHNICAL NOTES

APPELLATION: NAPA VALLEY

VARIETAL: 100% CABERNET SAUVIGNON

ALCOHOL: 15% BY VOL.

PH: 3.78

TA: 6.3 G/L

FERMENTATION: 100% BARREL FERMENTED

AGEING: 19 MONTHS IN 100% FRENCH OAK
OF WHICH 60% IS NEW FRENCH OAK

IN THE VINEYARD

The grapes for the 2014 Generations Cabernet Sauvignon are grown in some of the best vineyards and appellations in the Napa Valley. They come from four vineyards; two in St. Helena, one in Oakville and one in east Napa. The majority, 55% comes from the west side of St. Helena, 7% from east Oakville with the balance coming from East Napa. By blending grapes from these renowned appellations, we are able to make a wine that truly represents the best of Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon and honors our five generation history of making wine in the Napa Valley.

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

Generations is a tribute to the Raymond family's five generations of winemaking in the Napa Valley. This limited production wine is 100% Cabernet.

Grapes were fermented on the skins for 26-55 days to lend complexity and depth to the wine before being racked to new, tight-grained, medium and medium-plus toast French oak barrels for 19 months of aging. Only our best barrels of Taransaud, Demptos, and Baron and Ermitage were selected for this Cabernet Sauvignon. We are especially proud of the 2014 vintage as it marks the 20 year Anniversary of the Generations wine originally created by the Raymond family.

WINE PROFILE

Dark ruby in the glass, our 2014 Generations Cabernet Sauvignon opens with alluring aromas of black cherry, mulling spices and huckleberry with subtle notes of dark cocoa and caramelized brown sugar. This velvety wine is seductive on the palate with sweet tannins with notes of red cassis and graphite. Well-balanced, this wine will age beautifully for another 25 to 30 years but is very approachable and inviting right now.