

MERRYVALE

VINEYARDS

2014 Cabernet Sauvignon Napa Valley



Winemaking

Drawn from three top Napa vineyards: Salvador, Rancho Chimiles and Erba Loma with each vineyard fermented separately in small tanks. Native fermentation started after a 5-day cold soak and reached a peak temperature of 90°F. The wines were pumped over a few times a day until dry and then pressed and drained to barrels where malolactic fermentation occurred. Aged in 50% new French oak barrels, the wine matures for 22 months before being bottled unfinned and unfiltered.

Vintage

Vintners are using words like “quality”, “depth of flavor” and “excellent” to describe expectations for the 2014 vintage in Napa Valley. The weather was generally perfect at the right times, leading to an abundant and strong crop. Harvest started and ended earlier than usual. The first grapes were picked on July 30th and nearly all harvest activity was completed by the third week of October, a full two weeks ahead of normal harvest schedule for most wineries.

Tasting Notes

Coming from some of the cooler areas of Napa Valley, we were able to achieve a wine of balance and elegance despite a really warm vintage. Sourced mostly from the alluvial fan of Oak Knoll and some hillside vineyard sites such as Erba Loma and Rancho Chimiles, we find the balance between the softness of the Napa Valley foothills and the power of the hillside vineyards. This wine is rich and dark in the glass with aromas of coffee and blackberry. Medium- to full-bodied with notes of cassis and toast, the finish features supple, velvety tannins that will gain even more complexity as time passes. This Napa Valley Cabernet sets the standard for quality and will age beautifully for the next 15 years.

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| Appellation: | Napa Valley |
| Blend: | 100% Cabernet Sauvignon |
| Vineyards: | Salvador, Rancho Chimiles, Erba Loma |
| Cooperage: | 50% new French oak barrels for 22 months |
| Alc: | 14.9% |
| PH: | 3.6 |
| TA: | 6.2 g/L |

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