

2014 MALBEC

Dark red in color, this classic Malbec has exotic aromas of tar and black licorice intertwined with cassis, blueberry pie, and baked strawberries. The palate is overflowing with juicy notes of berries with finely integrated tannins and bright, balanced acidity leading into a luxurious finish.

HARVEST & WINEMAKING:

Harvest 2014 started with the scare of drought. Luckily, some perfectly timed spring rain helped develop nice vineyard canopies to protect the fruit from heat. Likely due to the dry winter, we had an early bloom and an even earlier ripening than 2013. Not only that, we had one of the largest earthquakes in decades rock the valley on the eve of harvest. Undeterred, but with many vintners picking up the pieces of broken barrels and spilled wine, harvest 2014 charged on with perfect, mild weather through the end of the growing season. This led to high quality grapes and even higher quality wine that we can't wait to share.

GRAPES:

The grapes used to produce this wine are sourced from three vineyards. The Malbec comes from the Cunat vineyard in Oak Knoll, a cooler growing region of Napa Valley. The Cabernet Franc is from the Frediani vineyard in Calistoga and the Stagecoach vineyard in Atlas peak.

WINE STATS

Cases produced:	257
Alcohol:	14.4%
TA:	5.2 g/L
pH:	3.77
Blend:	82% Malbec, 18% Cabernet Franc
Appellation:	Napa Valley
Oak:	65% new French oak
Vineyards:	Cunat Family Vineyard, Frediani Vineyard, Stagecoach Vineyard
Price:	\$45
Bottling Date:	May 2016