

2014 TONELLA VINEYARD CABERNET SAUVIGNON

This dark, reddish-black Cabernet has immediate aromas of truffle and sautéed mushrooms, opening up to show secondary classic Rutherford characteristics of red cherry and leather. Juicy red cherry and ripe blackberry fills the palate, flowing into a flavorful finish. Decant this wine when young or will cellar well, 10-15 years.

HARVEST & WINEMAKING:

Harvest 2014 started with the scare of drought. Luckily, some perfectly timed spring rain helped develop nice vineyard canopies. 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 we are excited to share.

GRAPES:

The Tonella Estate Vineyard in Rutherford is divided into 17 unique rootstock and clonal blocks, which are further divided during harvest into different sections based on ripeness. This Cabernet represents the very best of those lots. The Cabernet Franc was picked September 18, 2014, at 27.2 brix. The Cabernet Sauvignon was picked September 22, 2014, through October 15, 2014, between 27.0 and 28.6 brix.

WINE STATS

 Cases produced:
 884

 Alcohol:
 14.6%

 TA:
 5.7 g/L

 pH:
 3.69

Blend: 89% Cabernet Sauvignon, 11% Cabernet Franc

Appellation: Rutherford, Napa Valley
Oak: 65% New French Oak
Vineyards: Tonella Estate Vineyard

Price: \$95

Bottling Date: May 2016