

Buehler Vineyards 2014 Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon

Our 2014 Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon is crafted from Cabernet Sauvignon grown on our estate hillside vineyards (30%) in conjunction with grapes from other mature, high-quality, low-yielding Napa Valley vineyards located on the valley floor. Comprised of 90% Cabernet Sauvignon and 10% Merlot, the blend produces a wine that displays a broad spectrum of aromas, flavors, and textures that Cabernet can show in the Napa Valley tempered by the silky, calming influence of Merlot to the structured core.

The 2014 vintage will be fondly remembered for its classic proportions and near perfect ripening season that began with ideal flowering and fruit set and then was coaxed to ripeness by a steady stream of moderate sun drenched days and cool foggy nights. The harvest began a full seven to ten days earlier than the 2013 harvest. Like 2013, the late light rains of the 2014 harvest season posed no threat to our crop since it was safely tucked away in the winery once they arrived.

Following a seven-day fermentation, the wine was transferred to barrels before initiating the malolactic fermentation; keeping the wine "dirty" when young greatly increases the impression of roundness and smoothness in the finished wine. The 2014 Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon was racked four times in the first year of aging to encourage aromatic and tannin development. It was aged a total of 18 months in a blend of French and American oak barrels.

The wine is brimming with fruit aromas and flavors biased to the black fruit end of the Cabernet spectrum: plums, blackberry, and black currant. Rich and full-bodied on the palate, this Cabernet drinks well on release but will soften and develop with additional age. For those who seek youthful fresh Cabernet fruit aromas and a more structured wine, drink it from 2016 through 2020. If you prefer the less fruity, more developed bottle bouquet aromas and a softer, more velvety wine on the palate, drink it from 2021-2031.

DAVID CRONIN
Winemaker

Appellation
Varietal Composition
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pH
Alcohol
Production

Retail price:

Napa Valley
90% Cabernet Sauvignon 10% Merlot
0.63 g/100 ml
3.67
14.5% vol
19,000 cases
50 3-liters
\$30.00

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CABERNET SAUVIGNON
NAPA VALLEY 2014

Blueberry, blackberry and cherry aromas with hints of walnuts.

Medium to full body, velvety tannins and a fresh finish. Like the energy to this. Drink now, but this will improve with age.

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“While so many Napa wines soar pass the \$100 mark, John Buehler consistently delivers high quality cabernets for a fraction of that price...”

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“Well proportioned with hints of spicy currant, blackberry, cedar and mineral notes, picking up a hint of anise on the finish.”