

# CORNERSTONE

CELLARS • NAPA VALLEY

## 2014 CABERNET SAUVIGNON

BENCHLANDS ◆ NAPA VALLEY CABERNET



### 2014 VINTAGE

You could sum up the 2014 vintage in Napa Valley in just a few words: unusually early and excellent. Drought conditions in California contributed to the long growing season with mild spring and summer weather leading to an early harvest. For many of us, harvest started two weeks ahead of normal. The crop size was somewhat smaller than the abundant 2013 vintage, but still very generous. We didn't see any extreme temperatures during the hotter months, which allowed us to pick at optimum ripeness, with intense aromatics and great fruit character. The grapes were happily fermenting in the winery long before the potentially damaging, yet much-needed fall rains arrived.

### 2014 TASTING NOTES

This wine is a stunning example of what a stellar vintage like 2014 can offer. Ripe, concentrated fruit, yet perfectly balanced. The aromas burst out of the glass with irresistible aromas of boysenberry, plum, black cherry and blackberry. The fruit aromas are intertwined with complex layers of toasty vanilla, cocoa and black licorice. The full, lush texture fills the palate with silky tannins, bold black fruit and baking spices. The plum and blackberry lingers on the satiny finish. It's ready to show its stuff now, but has the potential to age beautifully for years to come.

### 2015 WINEMAKING NOTES

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|--------------|----------------|------------|------------------------|-------------|-----------------------------|
| VINTAGE:     | 2014           | VARIETALS: | 92% Cabernet Sauvignon | COOPERAGE:  | 80% New French oak Barrels, |
| APPELLATION: | Napa Valley    |            | 5% Merlot              |             | 20% neutral oak             |
|              | 48% St. Helena |            | 3% Cabernet Franc      | PRODUCTION: | 1500 Cases                  |
|              | 30% Oakville   | ALCOHOL:   | 14.9%                  | RETAIL:     | \$65                        |
|              | 12% Oak Knoll  |            |                        |             |                             |
|              | 10% Yountville |            |                        |             |                             |

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