

CORNERSTONE

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2014 CABERNET SAUVIGNON CALISTOGA ♦ WHITE LABEL



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

Dark, rich and ripe. This wine offers classic Cabernet aromas of blackberry, plum, boysenberry, cassis, mocha and smoky toasted vanilla. Round, rich and creamy on entry, with explosive flavors of ripe fruit that only comes with a near-perfect growing season in the warmer part of the valley. As the wine opens up, the fruit flavors give way to a seductive core, classic cassis, licorice and a hint of leather. The tannins are sturdy but integrated. It is opulent and plush on release but it has the backbone and structure to age beautifully. This wine will reward those with the patience to give it a little more time.

2014 WINEMAKING NOTES

VINTAGE:	2014	COOPERAGE:	70% New French Oak Barrels, 30% neutral oak
APPELLATION:	Napa Valley	PRODUCTION:	900 Cases
	100% Calistoga	RETAIL:	\$75
VARIETALS:	100% Cabernet Sauvignon		
ALCOHOL:	14.5%		

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