



# CORNERSTONE

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## **2014 Cabernet Sauvignon Kairos Vineyard**

### **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 damaging, yet much-needed fall rains arrived.

### **2014 Tasting Notes**

Dark, concentrated garnet color. Bold aromas of ripe blackberry, plum, black cherry with a hint of earthy forest floor. A couple of swirls of the glass will release a flood of juicy black fruit aromas intertwined with layers of toasty oak and black licorice. Round and smooth in its entry, the blackberry and licorice flavors evolve into a complex symphony of ripe fruit and earthy notes. The finish is polished and lingers with balanced acidity and enough backbone to warrant some cellar aging. Past vintages from this lovely, organically farmed vineyard suggest that patience in the cellar will be rewarded.

### **Pairing Suggestions**

This deep red wine would pair beautifully with braised beef short ribs, spicy meatballs, roasted duck, or braised red cabbage.

### **2014 Winemaking Notes**

Vintage: 2014  
Appellation: Napa Valley  
Vineyard: Kairos Vineyard  
Varietals: 100% Cabernet Sauvignon, Clone 4  
Alcohol: 14.6%  
Cooperage: 60% New French oak Barrels, 40% neutral oak  
Production: 100 Cases  
Retail: \$95