



## 2014 CABERNET SAUVIGNON

**Blend:** 98% Cabernet Sauvignon 2% Petit Verdot

**Vineyard Notes:** Grown on our 18-acre estate mountain vineyard at elevations of up to 2,200 feet in rocky red volcanic soil. The vineyard is CCOF Organic and Demeter Biodynamic certified. On the ranch we pursue a true biodynamic “closed system,” where Biodynamic preparations are sourced primarily from our property. A picturesque aspect of this is our Scottish Highland cattle, which play an important role.

This year saw us through drought, earthquake and rain, hail and significant summer heat, this vintage has seen struggle – and is being roundly lauded as one for the ages. A mild winter and spring caused early bud break, though the year, overall, was summer about average in duration. We saw fluctuations in temperature from 80 and 90-degree days, to soaring temperatures into the 100s. Coastal influences in the evenings allowed our vines reprieve from the heat. This breath of temperature brings about deep color, complex flavors, and rich mouthfeel. Harvest was September 16<sup>th</sup> through September 18<sup>th</sup>. Three tons per acre.

**Winemaker’s Notes:** Hand crafted in an old-world style. We use minimal intervention in the cellar to bring the highest expression of our Lake County Red Hills vineyard’s terroir to every glass. Alcohol: 14.1%; pH: 3.57; Cooperage: Aged 23 months in 100% French oak (90% new); Production: 1,500 cases.

**Tasting Notes:** Aromas of forest floor and earth yield to notes of Bing cherry, blueberry, and anise. Superbly balanced, this wine enters the mouth rich and velvety with flavors of black chocolate, licorice and spice, opening to warm cinnamon and clove. Finish is long and sultry, yet clean. Structured with deep, velvety tannins, this wine is an extraordinary food wine and is built to last.



### Accolades

- 93 Points *Wine Enthusiast* “Cellar Selection”
- 93 Points *Tasting Panel Magazine*
- 93 Points, Gold Medal *New York Int’l Wine Competition*
- 91 Points *Ultimate Wine Challenge*
- Gold Medal *Tasters Guild Int’l Wine Competition*
- Gold Medal *West Coast Wine Competition*



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