



THE TERRACES

2014 Cabernet Franc

Rutherford, 100% Estate Grown

Varietal:	100% Cabernet Franc
Cases:	221
Alcohol:	14.8%
Bottled:	May 13, 2016
Released:	February 1, 2018
Suggested Retail:	\$75.00
Vineyard:	The Terraces estate vineyards are between 300 and 500 feet in elevation in the eastern foothills of the Rutherford AVA. The very well drained soils are comprised of volcanic rock known as Rhyolite. Moderately warm, the vineyard is still marginally influenced by early morning fog.
Vintage:	Close to ideal, a third consecutive epic vintage. Although a drought year, late spring rains provided ample moisture to the vines to develop a strong canopy with above average yields. A relatively cool summer with few heat spikes resulted in beautiful fruit through veraison and ripening. Terrific Fall weather ensured grapes reached ideal maturity.
Production:	Hand picked and sorted before being de-stemming, each lot went into small tanks as whole berries. After a brief cold soak, the lots were fermented with a combination of wild and cultivated yeasts. A combination of punch downs, pump overs and rack and returns were performed several times a day to influence extraction in different ways over the course of fermentation. Pressed gently in a basket press, the wines were moved with lees to 40% new French barrels to finish malolactic fermentation.
Tasting Notes:	The single acre bloc of Cabernet Franc at the top of The Terraces ranch has provided an outstanding wine once again. The 2014 Cabernet Franc has an inviting deep ruby hue with aromas of dark cherry, dried cranberry, signature Rutherford dust and cacao. The palate showcases black cherry, rich purple plum, dried chokecherry, subtle earthiness and a hint of caramel. Full bodied but elegant with ample tannin and bright acidity, this will be a wine to enjoy for years to come. Enjoy today or cellar for 10-15 years.
The Terraces:	130 years of grape growing and 30 years of winemaking history inspires us to create epic wines of astonishing value. Less than 3500 cases produced each vintage. We encourage you to visit on your next trip to Napa.