

THE TERRACES

2014 Cabernet Sauvignon

Rutherford, 100% Estate Grown



Varietal: 100% Cabernet Sauvignon

Cases: 539

Alcohol: 14.7%

Bottled: May 12, 2017

Released: May 1, 2018

Suggested Retail: \$70.00

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. The fruit for this wine is estate grown and comes from six unique hillside blocks

Vintage: Close to ideal, a third consecutive epic vintage. Although a drought year, late spring rains provided ample moisture for 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. Grapes reached ideal maturity with terrific fall weather.

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 35% new French barrels to finish malolactic fermentation.

Tasting Notes: The 2014 Cabernet Sauvignon offers the elegance that we desire from this varietal. Perfectly complex with ripe fruit, approachable alcohol, and supple tannin. Deep ruby color. Rich aromas of stewed blackberry, cassis, vanilla and toasty oak. Palate is full bodied with structured tannin and bright acidity. Flavors of cassis, blackberry, black cherry, and baking cocoa continue with a rich, long finish. Drink now or lay this bottle down to see it's true potential; 12-15+ years.

The Terraces: 130 years of grape growing and 30 years of winemaking history inspires us to create epic wines of astonishing value. We produce less than 3500 cases in total each vintage. We encourage you to visit on your next trip to Napa.