



2014 Barrel Blend

Production: 3,197 cases

Composition: 26% Merlot, 18% Zinfandel, 17% Malbec, 15% Syrah, 9% Petit Sirah, 8% Cabernet Sauvignon, 6% Pinot Noir and 1% Sangiovese.

Vineyards: Beau Terre, Red Door, Windy Flats, Baker, Stewart, Fore & Polson.

Appellation: Napa Valley

Elevation: Valley floor – 1200 ft.

Cooperage: 10 months in 35% new oak (10% American oak, the rest is French oak or Stavin).

Alcohol: 14.8%, TA 0.61, pH 3.75

Bottled: 8/12/2015

Release date: Winter 2016

Release price: \$30.00

2014 was a great year especially for Malbec and Merlot that just burst with berry fruit and great color. The Syrah and Petit Sirah were great assets for density, color, and texture, and in combination with the Zinfandel from Wooden Valley, and a little Cabernet Sauvignon for dignity, it will be fun to see where this big bodacious wine will want to go.

90 pts – 2014 Barrel Blend = “A real sleeper of the vintage and an excellent value in Napa is the Hill family’s 2014 Barrel Blend Proprietary Red, which is a kitchen sink mélange of Merlot, Zinfandel, Malbec, Syrah, Petit Sirah, Cabernet Sauvignon, Pinot Noir and Sangiovese. Dense ruby/purple color, with loads of red and black fruits, some exotic spices, soft tannins, and a medium to full-bodied mouthfeel. Drink it over the next 6-8 years.”

–Robert Parker, *The Wine Advocate*