



HILL FAMILY
E S T A T E



2014 Like a Hawk

Production: 315 cases

Composition: 45% Syrah, 38% Cabernet Sauvignon, 8% Malbec, 4% Merlot and 3% Viognier

Vineyards: Windy Flats, Baker, Smith and Beau Terre

Cooperage: 14 months in oak barrels, (25% in new French oak – Stavin , 25% in new American oak, Barrel 21 and Radoux Appalachian)

Alcohol: 14.8% alc, 3.82 pH, 0.59 TA

Bottling date: 3/16/2016

Release date: Fall 2016

Release price: \$48.00

For a few years now, Hill Family has been creating a unique blend of Cabernet Sauvignon and Syrah known for its punch and vigor. The Syrah and Cabernet Sauvignon lots are always a treat to blend, and eventually we find the place where this “Team of Rivals” fits together seamlessly, better than each could be separately. In 2014, the “Like a Hawk” is mostly made from Baker Vineyard in Atlas Peak, and Windy Flats in Wooden Valley, with some Oak Knoll appellation. “Like a Hawk” is a big elegant intense wine, with huge color and density.

Winemaker Alison Doran’s tasting notes:

Cedary blueberry aromas mix with ripe plum jam, then some light flickering wild strawberry and vanilla notes come in over the top. This is a very big wine, and it is still quite vigorous. The tannins are piled in the center and covered in chocolate, and the raspberry plum flavors are outweighed at this point by the big generous textures. But it is still fun to drink, with all its wildness and untamed energy.