



HILL FAMILY
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2014 Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon

Production: 3,045 cases + 60 1.5L bottles + 10 3L bottles + 10 6L bottles

Composition: 83% Cab Sauvignon, 5% Malbec, 7% Merlot, 5% Petit Verdot

Vineyards: Baker, Beau Terre, Windy Flats, Holton, Windy Flats, Beau Terroir & Flat Rock

Appellations: Atlas Peak, Oak Knoll, Carneros & Yountville

Cooperage: 20 months in 60% new oak as follows: 18% Hungarian (Trust), 21% new American oak (Trust, Ton O, Radoux, Canton), 30% new French Oak (Treuil, Ton O, Orion, and Remond), 31% Stavin French Oak.

Alcohol: 14.8%, TA 0.59, pH 3.75

Bottling date: June 15th 2016 (unfiltered)

Release date: Winter 2016

Release price: \$55.00

The Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon is carefully blended to give the wine both power and balance. We particularly appreciate the opportunity to use high elevations (Baker in Atlas Peak is at 1,200 ft) with their intense tannins and color, then blend and civilize them with vineyards from the valley floor and cooler areas. The Malbec, Merlot, and Petit Verdot elevate the nose and display the fruit and oak spice. Wines from 2014 were big and intense because of continued low rainfall and early bloom and veraison, but growers were lucky because reasonable temperatures (for the most part) and almost no fall rain, still allowed for nice hang time and maturity.

Winemaker Alison Doran's tasting notes:

The 2014 Cabernet Sauvignon opens with beautifully lifted spice and black fruit aromatics—clove, anise, black cherry and blackberry—layered with a hint of rich oak. A round, supple entry leads to a silky, smooth midpalate. Cassis, clove, and toasted oak complement the black and red fruit flavors. Fine-grained, age-worthy tannins provide structure to the dark, juicy finish.