

Cabernet Sauvignon NAPA VALLEY

VINEYARDS

Appellation Napa Valley

- 45% St. Helena, 16% Napa Valley, 15% Oakville, 10% Mt. Veeder, 6% Diamond

Mountain, 4% Rutherford, 4% Oak Knoll

Soil The geology and soils of Napa Valley are notoriously complex and are primarily

comprised of broken down or decomposed rock that has been carried downhill from the eastern Vaca range and the western Mayacamas range into the base of the valley, where they ultimately intermingle with the silt, clay and gravel deposits of the Napa

River flood plain.

VINTAGE

Growing Season 2012 turned out to be a perfect vintage with clear sunny days and cool evenings. This

produced a long, moderate growing season with extended hang time and even ripening, resulting in optimum tannin maturity and a deep range of flavors. The vintage ended with a textbook harvest starting on September 1st and ending exactly two months later

on Halloween.

Brix | **Harvest Dates** 25° average | October 15 to October 22

WINEMAKING

Varietal Compositon 85% Cabernet Sauvignon, 7% Merlot, 5% Malbec and 3% Petite Verdot

Fermentation Native-yeast and full malolactic fermentations.

Aging The wine rested *sur lies* to incorporate the oak so that the 18 months spent in 55% new

barrels (three-year air dried French, 30% and American, 25%) is barely noticeable. Due

to this vintage's supple tannins, we left this wine in barrel for only 18 months.

Non-filtered.

Cases | Release Date 8,600 | August 2014

Alcohol 14.5%

"Our eighth vintage of this appellation Cahernet is blended from a combination of hillside and valley floor vineyards. Our style combines the harmony produced by traditional Bordelaise winemaking techniques with the voluptuousness gained from California's weather, especially in this perfect vintage."

—David Ramey