

NAPA VALLEY

Raymond

1 ½ Acre Napa Valley Red Wine 2014



TECHNICAL NOTES

Appellation: Napa Valley

Varietal: 71% Cabernet Sauvignon, 15% Malbec, 6% Cabernet Franc, 4% Petit Verdot, 4% Merlot

Alcohol: 14.3% by vol.

pH: 3.77

TA: 5.4 g/L

Fermentation: 100% Barrel Fermented

Aging: 20 months in 100% French Oak, 47% is new French oak

Production: 152 cases

In the Vineyard

2014 was our second harvest of our meter by meter planting at Raymond Vineyards. Our estate is planted to all five varietals of a classic Bordeaux blend and designed to be the truest expression of terroir from our certified organic and Biodynamic® vineyard. Harvested on September 20, a fruit day in accordance with the Biodynamic calendar, the grapes were in their optimal state for the wine to realize its full potential.

About the Vintage

The 2014 vintage in Napa Valley was one of the earliest harvested vintages in years. A warm spring led to early bud break and created the perfect environment for flowering and fruit set. With warm days and cool nights, our team was able to maintain ideal acid levels with optimum, bright fruit flavors.

Conversations with The Winemaker

This vintage contains all five planted varieties; Cabernet Sauvignon, Malbec, Cabernet Franc, Petit Verdot and Merlot. The grapes underwent an extended maceration and sat on the skins for 20 day before a native fermentation which lends complexity and depth to the wine before being racked to medium toast, French oak barrels for 20 months of aging.

Wine Profile

The grapes in this blend were grown Biodynamically and organically to create a truly harmonious expression of our estate. The 1 ½ Acre opens with enticing aromas of currant, cassis and candied violets with a touch of nutmeg. This soft and supple blend has a nice round mouthfeel showcasing bright acidity and Bing cherry mixed with red fruits. The finish is long and beautiful with fine-grained tannins.