



#### TECHNICAL NOTES

ALCOHOL: 13.5%

PH: 3.59

TA: 5.96 g/L

## R COLLECTION FIELD BLEND 2014

#### IN THE VINEYARD

In spite of the drought and the South Napa earthquake, vintners are using words like “quality,” “depth of flavor” and “excellent” to describe the 2014 vintage. Many are also noting “perfect weather,” “abundant crop” and “good fortune”. Harvest started and ended earlier than usual. The first grapes for sparkling wine picked on July 30 and nearly all harvest activity was completed by the third week in October – for many, a full two weeks ahead of the normal harvest schedule.

#### CONVERSATIONS WITH THE WINEMAKER

The R Collection Field Blend harkens back to the early days in California viticulture when vineyards had several different varietals planted together, and an entire vineyard would be harvested and vinified together, often producing remarkably unique wines from multiple varietals.

Our winemaking team has revived this tradition of blending multiple varietals together to produce a standout wine. The 2014 R Collection Field Blend elegantly brings together 5 core varietals: Cabernet Sauvignon, Petite Verdot, Merlot, Zinfandel and Petite Sirah for a wine that is layered and complex.

#### WINE PROFILE

Our 2014 R Collection Field Blend is a complement to any occasion, whether a casual dinner at home or a more formal gathering with friends and family. A lovely crimson in the glass, aromas of dark cherry, star anise and a hint of white pepper are followed by flavors of strawberry and raspberry. Medium bodied and well-balanced, the velvety mouthfeel culminates with a lengthy, satisfying finish.