

NAPA VALLEY

Raymond

## 2014 District Collection Calistoga Cabernet Sauvignon



### TECHNICAL NOTES

**Appellation:** Calistoga, Napa Valley

**Varietal:** 100% Cabernet Sauvignon

**Alcohol:** 14.9%

**pH:** 3.54

**TA:** 7.4 g/L

**Ageing:** 19 months in French oak,  
65% new French oak

### In the Vineyard

At the foot of Mount St. Helena, Calistoga's warmer climate and volcanic soils produce wines of unmistakable character. With a southwestern exposure and deep, established roots that allow for the use of minimal irrigation, the vines produce berries that were crafted into a wine with excellent flavor, body and overall complexity.

### 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

After hand-harvesting on September 18 and 24, the grapes were fermented on the skins for an average of 46 days with native fermentation. After fermentation, the wine was gently pressed, racked and aged for 19 months in French oak barrels, 65% new French oak. Demptos French oak barrels from forests in the center of France impart their oak on wines slowly for a consistent, well-rounded aging process while yielding subtle oak influences to the Cabernet Sauvignon.

### Wine Profile

Aromas of huckleberry and boysenberry spring from the glass in this 2015 Cabernet Sauvignon from Calistoga. On the palate dark fruits mingle with notes of saffras and are balanced by nuances of toasted oak. This is a polished wine with structured tannins and balanced acidity. A true expression of Cabernet Sauvignon and its terroir, this wine will age gracefully.