

NAPA VALLEY

Raymond

2014 Small Lot Collection Napa Valley Malbec



TECHNICAL NOTES

Appellation: Napa Valley

Varietal: 95% Malbec, 5% Petite Sirah

Alcohol: 15.5%

pH: 3.70

TA: 6.0 g/L

Aging: Aged for 20 months in French Oak, 30% new oak

Case Production: 145 cases

IN THE VINEYARD

The 2014 vintage in Napa Valley was one of the earliest harvested vintages in years. Described as a dream vintage, 2014 had ideal weather conditions for Malbec. 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

Our Small Lot Collection Malbec grapes come from two vineyards, one from our Rutherford Estate that is farmed organically and biodynamically. The Petite Sirah is from a vineyard in the North East corner of the Napa Valley. Fermentation took place for 36 total days on the skins in small stainless steel tanks. This Malbec is 100% barrel-aged for 20 months in Radoux and Nadalie French Oak barrels, 30% new.

WINE PROFILE

The 2014 vintage of our Small Lot Malbec opens with enticing aromas of black cherry and plum with tarry notes of white pepper. This dense, juicy wine is made in a Bordeaux style, with a velvety rich, mouth-filling structure accented by delicate floral notes. Big and luxuriant in the glass, our 2014 Malbec is a wine to be enjoyed with a variety of hearty dishes.