

NAPA VALLEY

Raymond

2014 Small Lot Collection Napa Valley Syrah



IN THE VINEYARD

Vintners are using words like “quality,” “depth of flavor” and “excellent” to describe the 2014 vintage in Napa Valley. Many also noted “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

Our Small Lot Collection Syrah grapes come from the prestigious eastern hills of St Helena. This Syrah is blended with a small amount of Cabernet Sauvignon to provide added richness and backbone resulting in perfectly structure wine. The grapes were placed under a 4-day cold soak with a total of 40 days on the skins. This Syrah is 100% barrel-aged for 18 months in French oak barrels.

WINE PROFILE

The 2014 Small Lot Napa Valley Syrah is concentrated and supple opening with alluring earthy and fruity aromas of blackberry crumble and candied violet. A dense mid-palate showcases flavors of dark fruit with hints of savory umami.

TECHNICAL NOTES

APPELLATION: NAPA VALLEY

VARIETAL: 85% SYRAH, 15% CABERNET SAUVIGNON

ALCOHOL: 14.5% BY VOL.

PH: 3.59

TA: 5.69 g/L

FERMENTATION: 18 MONTHS IN FRENCH OAK, 30% NEW

CASE PRODUCTION: 150 CASES