

N A P A VALLEY

Raymond

## 2014 Sommelier Selection Cabernet Sauvignon



### TECHNICAL NOTES

**Appellation:** North Coast

**Varietals:** 90% Cabernet Sauvignon, 10% Merlot

**Alcohol:** 15% by vol.

**pH:** 3.84

**TA:** 5.6 g/L

### 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 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 Winemakers

Raymond Vineyard’s Sommelier Selection Cabernet Sauvignon was crafted by a group of influential sommeliers at the finest restaurants and inspired by the rich history of our world renowned winegrowing region.

This blend is comprised of fruit from three unique appellations: Napa Valley, Sonoma County, and Lake County. Napa Valley is the backbone of the blend, with its terroir providing the fullest expression of black fruits and integrated tannins; Sonoma County’s fog influence produces grapes that give the wine structure, balance and acidity; Lake County’s growing season is short, making for red, jammy wines that are easy to enjoy.

After spending an average of 30 days on skins, the wine fermented with both native and inoculated fermentations. The wine was aged for 15-16 months in once and twice used French oak, before being bottled.

### Wine Profile

Our 2014 Sommelier Selection Cabernet Sauvignon opens with aromas of red fruits, fresh strawberry and plum. Robust flavors of raspberry, currant and a touch of toast burst forth from the glass. Soft and supple in the mouth, this juicy wine has a long finish and is extremely food friendly, made to pair with a myriad of dishes.