



## 2014 District Collection Diamond Mountain Cabernet Sauvignon



### TECHNICAL NOTES

**Appellation:** Diamond Mountain District, Napa Valley

**Varietal:** 100% Cabernet Sauvignon

**Alcohol:** 15%

**pH:** 3.63

**TA:** 6.47 g/L

**Ageing:** 18 months in French Oak, 45% new French Oak

### In the Vineyard

Our Diamond Mountain District Cabernet Sauvignon is harvested from southern facing slopes just north of Diamond Mountain Road. Our Cabernet Sauvignon grapes benefit from the well-draining volcanic soils and direct sunlight, resulting in grapes with brighter acidity and full-bodied, well-structured tannins.

### 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 harvesting, the grapes were fermented on the skins for 27 days. After a native fermentation and extended maceration, the wine was gently pressed, racked and aged for 18 months in a mix of French oak barrels, 45% new French Oak. Tightly grained, 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

Our 2014 Diamond Mountain District Cabernet Sauvignon offers up mountainside aromatics of brambly thickets, bright red fruit and notes of spice. Upon the dense mid-palate, cardamom and plum are complemented with big mountain tannins and hints of Orange Pekoe tea and peppercorn. This wine presents a nice structure and coating mouthfeel.