

2014 “Estate” Cabernet Sauvignon

Napa Valley—Spring Mountain District



Release Date	Fall 2017
Fruit Source	100% Estate grown
The 2014 Growing Season	The 2014 growing season began with drier and warmer conditions than are normally seen. Flowering and fruit-set were met with cooler weather, setting a slightly smaller than average, yet beautiful crop. Summer temperatures proved conducive to even maturity and ideal stress management in the vineyards. The arrival of fall was met with a warm Indian Summer, bringing the fruit to full physiological ripeness late September into early October.
Varietal Composition	100% Cabernet Sauvignon
Harvest	Hand-picked at physiological ripeness early to mid-October.
Fermentation	Double hand sorting, whole berry fermentation, thirty percent fermented in new French Oak barrels with an average maceration of 50–60 days.
Cooperage	26 months in 100% new French oak from select artisan coopers.
Alcohol	14.9%
Case Production	650



Winemaker's Comments

“The 2014 Estate Cabernet Sauvignon embodies our shared philosophy dedicated to creating wines showcasing the purity of fruit and fresh aromatics our estate has to offer. Thirty percent of the fruit we dedicated to our Estate Cabernet was fermented in new French Oak barrels by way of whole berry fermentation. Though extremely time and labor intensive, this process yielded an intensely integrated and complex wine, married perfectly with the characteristics of our hillside grown fruit. A deep purple core leads to a nose with elements of violets and spice. On the palate, black and red fruit notes linger in a sweet and savory balance long after the first sip. Wesley and I are extremely proud of our inaugural vintage together, and even more excited to be sharing it with you.”

— Martha McClellan, Winemaker

Wine Reviews

95 pts.

“Pure and rich, with deep, concentrated core of extracted blackberry, currant, black licorice, dusty, loamy earth, graphite, cedar and espresso flavors. Ends long, smooth and well-defined. Drink now through 2030.”

— James Laube, Wine Spectator

About Vineyard 7&8

Vineyard 7 & 8 reflects the uncompromising pursuit and vision towards producing premium, handcrafted wines highlighting a sense of place within the Spring Mountain District through experience, passion and humility. Nestled 2020 feet above the Napa Valley floor atop Spring Mountain, the estate that has become Vineyard 7 & 8 was purchased by the Steffens Family in 1999. The winemaking team is led by Winemaker Martha McClellan, Associate Winemaker Wesley Steffens, and vineyard manager Pete Richmond, with an annual production around 1,800 cases.

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