

SWANSON

VINEYARDS

2014 CABERNET SAUVIGNON NAPA VALLEY

VINTAGE:

2014 was another great year for Napa. Compared to 2013, the slightly more wet spring allowed the vines to access much needed soil water at bud break. Successful flowering set a good crop load, which allowed us to selectively thin throughout the year. The drought conditions towards the maturation phase of berry development gave us small concentrated clusters of grapes; perfect for making intense and heady aromatic wine, albeit in limited quantities.

VINEYARD:

This wine is made up of 86% Cabernet Sauvignon and 14% Merlot from unique soils across the Napa Valley. Each individual vineyard is quality focused to produce the best fruit possible. We are fortunate to include in this blend three different Napa Valley AVA's: Calistoga (Amoenus Vineyard), Yountville (Sleeping Lady Vineyard), and Oakville (Swanson Family Vineyard).

WINEMAKER'S NOTES:

Deep purple hues in the glass give rise to generous aromas of blackcurrant, spiced black tea and plums. Flavors run from intense cassis into dark late season cherries, underlain by a core of ripe plums and espresso. There are hints of tobacco, crushed earth and dried herbs on the finish. With plenty of fine grain tannins, this wine persists on the palate, bringing wave after wave of complex and intense flavor.

- Robin Akhurst, Winemaker

COMPOSITION:

86% Cabernet Sauvignon,
14% Merlot

BARREL REGIME:

18 months in oak barrels
37% new French oak
3% new American oak
and 60% once used barrels

BOTTLING DATE:

June 2016

CASE PRODUCTION:

1,531 cases (12x 750mL)

