



CLOS PEGASE
NAPA VALLEY

2014
CABERNET SAUVIGNON
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TENMA VINEYARD, ON AN ALLUVIAL FAN in Jericho Canyon in northeastern Calistoga, produces Cabernet Sauvignon wines of deep color and intensity. Syrah and Merlot add fleshiness and intensity while Petit Verdot provides inky color and mid-palate drive to this elegant estate blend.

HARVEST NOTES

Fruit initiation began as the dry hot summer of 2013 ended. The mild dormant period combined with substantial rains in February and March gave the vines a vigorous start. As the rains subsided in early April, we had successful fruit set and early veraison. Similar to 2013, warm temperatures continued into spring and early summer without significant heat events, prolonged cool periods or measurable rainfall giving us perfect weather for wine grape growing at the highest quality level. As harvest approached, the combination of warmer days and cooler nights ensured full physiological ripeness of the fruit, in terms of flavor development and tannin maturity, together with acidity retention so crucial for fine wine balance; however, because the peak daytime temperatures exceeded those in 2013, this vintage was the earliest in over a decade, essentially commencing for Clos Pegase on September 1st and finishing on October 5th.

WINEMAKER NOTES

The individual vineyard blocks were kept separate to allow the complexity and diversity of the clonal material to be used in blending. The wine underwent a warm fermentation, followed by gentle pressing and complete Malolactic fermentation in barrel. In the summer of 2015, the wines were re-evaluated and individual lots were racked as needed. The finished wine blend was put up to tank in early June of 2016 after a total *élevage* of 19 months.

TASTING NOTES

The 2014 Clos Pegase Napa Valley Estate Cabernet Sauvignon reflects a truly great vintage. Deep purple hues in the glass, compliment the generous expression of cassis, blackcurrants and plums. Sitting behind this fruit, lies more oak driven aromas such as espresso beans, crushed vanilla and spice box. On the palate, this wine displays complex dark fruit notes of ripe black cherries, plums and blackberries, complemented by graphite, black licorice and a touch of cigar box. This rich yet elegantly styled Cabernet Sauvignon deftly balances fleshy mineral tinged fruit, ripe tannins and a rich, full mouth feel with a prominent mid-palate lift and a lengthy refined finish.

TECHNICAL INFO

VARIETAL COMPOSITION

82% Cabernet Sauvignon
17% Petite Syrah

VINEYARD

Tenma Vineyard, Calistoga - Cabernet Sauvignon
Dunaweal Vineyard, Calistoga - Petite Syrah

HARVEST DATES

September 10th - October 11th

AGING

19 months in 36% new French oak

BOTTLING DATE

June 2016

ALCOHOL

15.1%

PRODUCTION

2,246 cases