



2014 CADE RESERVE CABERNET SAUVIGNON, HOWELL MOUNTAIN, NAPA VALLEY

PRODUCTION: 57 barrels
VARIETALS: 100% Cabernet Sauvignon
ALCOHOL: 15.2%

CADE RESERVE VINEYARD NOTES

The CADE Estate is situated on a 54 acre property with 21 acres planted to vines with an ideal southwest facing exposure. Located in the heart of Howell Mountain, the CADE Estate Reserve Vineyard sits at elevations ranging from 1,500 to 1,850 feet and is planted to 19 acres of cabernet sauvignon and 2 acres of merlot.

FERMENTATION

The juice was fermented in a combination of stainless steel tanks 95%, and 500L new French oak puncheons 5%. Fermentation was hot and fast with temperatures reaching a maximum of 92°F and the juice macerating on the skins/seeds for 8-9 days.

ELEVAGE

The wine was aged for 20 months in 100% new French oak barrels. Only free run wine was used in the blend, no press fractions were selected. Racking occurred immediately after the completion of malolactic fermentation, then on a quarterly basis until bottling.

COOPERAGE

Darnajou, Sylvain, Atelier, Orion, Seguin Moreau, Ermitage, and Dargaud et Jaegle.

BOTTLING

Bottled on July 14th, 2016

OUR THOUGHTS

Glorious levels of aromas spring from the glass with loads of blueberry, blackberry, cherry, plus warm roasted coffee, melted milk chocolate, vanilla and graham cracker. The palate is mouth coating, plush and voluptuously textured, like a raspberry reduction sauce, with deep density and persistence. Elegant tannin and structure, a unique characteristic of the 2014 vintage. Rich, pure and intense, finishing with flavors of coffee, cassis, and chocolate covered berries. This wine is a reflection of the best of the vintage and the best Cabernet Sauvignon from our Howell Mountain Estate.



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The 2014 CADE Reserve, which is 100% Cabernet Sauvignon (and finished with a screwcap), cuts a broader swath than even the regular bottling, shows slightly sweeter tannin, perhaps more ripeness, but is plush, voluptuously textured, deep full-bodied and impressively endowed. There is no reason to defer gratification, as this wine is already singing and expressive. - R.P.

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Wine Spectator

Balanced, deep, pure and precise, with a firm core of red and dark berry flavors and shades of mocha and cedar. For all that immediate appeal, there's also a wonderful sense of harmony and finesse that builds and lingers through the long finish. - J.L.