



## 2014 Reserve Selection 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon



### TECHNICAL NOTES

**APPELLATION:** NAPA VALLEY

**VARIETAL:** 92% CABERNET SAUVIGNON,  
4% PETITE VERDOT, 2% PETIT SIRAH,  
2% MALBEC

**ALCOHOL:** 14.5% BY VOL.

**PH:** 3.78

**TA:** 6.1 G/L

**AGEING:** 19 MONTHS FRENCH OAK,  
30% NEW FRENCH OAK

### 40 YEARS OF RAYMOND

In honor of the Raymond family's first harvest in 1974, we celebrate 40 years of exceptional wines with our 2014 Napa Valley Reserve Selection Cabernet Sauvignon. Our Reserve Selection wines pay homage to the Raymond family's five-generation commitment to crafting distinguished Napa Valley wines, which have earned an enduring reputation for their beautiful balance and expression of terroir.

### IN THE VINEYARD

The grapes for the Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon were sourced from our vineyards in Rutherford and St. Helena, as well as select nearby growers. Our estate vineyards are located on gravelly alluvial fan soils with good drainage, necessary for growing excellent quality Cabernet Sauvignon. The vineyards are diligently monitored throughout the growing season to balance the crop size and quality.

### 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 WINEMAKERS

The wine spent between 21 and 63 days on skins, then was aged for 19 months in 100% French oak, of which 30% was new French oak (mostly Demptos, Saury and Seguin Moreau). The balance was aged in twice and thrice-used French oak. The final blend includes small amounts of Petit Verdot, Petite Sirah and Malbec for added depth and complexity. The wine was bottled unfiltered, contributing greater texture and presence to the mid palate.

### WINE PROFILE

Our 2014 Napa Valley Reserve Selection 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Cabernet Sauvignon opens with fresh aromas of cherry, candied violet and red fruits with a touch of sandalwood and maple. Flavors of black currant and cocoa nibs come to the entry. Enveloping on the palate, this wine is juicy with melting tannins and a kiss of minerality on the finish. Enjoy this wine over the next 5-9 years.