

VARIETAL COLLECTION

# *Cabernet Franc*

2014

Vintage:	Fifth
Composition:	100% Cabernet Franc
Clone:	Cabernet Franc Clone 332
Appellation:	Napa Valley, Coombsville District
Vineyard:	Caldwell Vineyard Estate, Established 1981
Block:	10
Yield:	2.0 Tons per Acre
Grape Varieties:	Cabernet Franc
Rootstock:	3309
Average Vine Age:	31 Years

Vintage Summary: The 2014 growing season started with an early bud break due to an early spring. As in the previous year, ideal conditions during bloom allowed for an almost perfect set. The temperate conditions continued through veraison in July and August. The August earthquake did not affect the vines or the start of harvest, which began early with ideal moderate temperatures.

The 2014 vintage had very uniform clusters and balanced to light canopies compared to those of 2013 and 2012. The wonderful set gave a more “normal” yield for the early varieties, but the lack of soil moisture affected the canopies of the later varieties such that our yields were lower than planned. Berry and cluster sizes were also small. Due to the early start, we were able to pick out before the late October rains.

Harvest Date:	October 9, 2014
Fermentation:	100% New French Oak
Yeast:	Caldwell Native Yeast
ML:	Natural
Wood Origin:	Central France (Oak)
Aging:	19 Months
New Oak Barrels:	100%
Fining:	None
Filtering:	None
Alcohol:	15.4%
Bottling Date:	March 1, 2015

Winemaker's Tasting Notes: A perfumed nose featuring aromas of red currant, mulberry, rose petals, tarragon, tobacco, and pencil shavings. A black raspberry attack leads to a layered mouth of cranberry, damson plum, cigar box, dark chocolate, and fresh tea leaves. The finish is long and sweet with notes of cherry stone and vanilla.

Cellaring:	1–5 Years
Production:	74 Cases
Price:	\$125 / 750ml

