

VARIETAL COLLECTION

Malbec

2014

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| Vintage: | Fourth |
| Composition: | 100% Malbec |
| Clone: | Malbec Clone 595 |
| Appellation: | Napa Valley, Coombsville District |
| Vineyard: | Caldwell Vineyard Estate, Established 1981 |
| Block: | 17 |
| Yield: | 3.0 Tons per Acre |
| Average Vine Age: | 12 Years |
| Grape Varieties: | Malbec |
| Rootstock: | 3309 |

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.

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| Fermentation: | 100% New French Oak |
| Harvest Date: | October 8, 2014 |
| Fermentation: | 59-Gallon Barrel Fermented |
| Yeast: | Caldwell Native Yeast |
| ML: | Natural |
| Wood Origin: | Central France (Oak) |
| Aging: | 20 Months |
| New Oak Barrels: | 100% |
| Fining: | None |
| Filtering: | None |
| Alcohol: | 15.6% |
| Bottling Date: | April 18, 2016 |

Winemaker's Tasting Notes: A perfumed nose of red currant, strawberry, rhubarb, orange peel, peonies, forest floor and hints of truffle. A bright raspberry attack leads to a focused mouth of ripe pomegranate, plum, cranberry, balsamic and Southern sweet tea. The bing cherry finish is long and refreshing.

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| Cellaring: | 1–5 Years |
| Production: | 50 Cases |
| Price: | \$85/750ml |

