

2014 PLUMPJACK RESERVE CABERNET SAUVIGNON, OAKVILLE



VARIETALS
97% Cabernet Sauvignon
3% Petit Verdot



HARVEST DATE
Oct 3-8, 2014



ALCOHOL
15.6%



PRODUCTION
600 cases



98+ POINTS
Wine Advocate



PLUMPJACK
WINERY

WINEMAKER
Aaron Miller

AVA
Oakville

VINTAGE

2014 is a vintage to remember. We experienced an unseasonably warm and dry winter, which resulted in budbreak about three weeks earlier than normal. The temperatures remained warm throughout spring, resulting in an early bloom. The summer months brought ideal weather, allowing our grapes time to develop flavor without rapidly accumulating sugar. We experienced a heat spike in September that sent some vintners scrambling, but we held firm, and our grapes emerged in great condition. The resulting wines have great beauty, depth, and grace.

FERMENTATION & AGING

The grapes that were used to craft the 2013 Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon were grown in the red, rocky soils on the east side of our estate. These soils retain less water than heavier soils, so the vines are more stressed, which results in grapes with more flavor intensity, richness, and concentration. Several different types of fermenters were used in the lots that ultimately became the 2014 Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon, including oak, concrete, and stainless steel. The grapes were cold soaked for 3 - 4 days and were fermented to a maximum temperature of 94 degrees. The wines were pressed off the skins after a period of 6 - 9 days, at which time the wines were racked to barrel for malolactic fermentation. This wine was aged in 100% new French Oak barrels for 22 months. The coopers that were used in this wine are Darnajou, Sylvain, and Taransaud. These barrels are a blend of medium-plus and heavy toast.

WINEMAKER IMPRESSIONS

Our 2014 Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon was sourced from our gravelly I & K blocks on the east side of our estate. As is typical, these blocks gave us deeply fruited and concentrated grapes, which translated to the glass. This wine has deep, dense color with incredible fruit intensity on the nose. Mixed berries, plum, and cassis are the first notes coming through, which are followed by layers of spice, licorice, and cocoa. The wine is rich, dense, and coats your palate with juicy fruits –blackberry, blueberry, and plum. The texture of the tannin is silky yet firm, and the wine has great length.