

TWO OLD DOGS

2014 Two Old Dogs Cabernet Sauvignon

Winemaking Notes:

The 2014 *Two Old Dogs* Cabernet Sauvignon reminds us of the earlier vintages of this wine, reflecting more of the cooler sections of the north-east facing Herb Lamb vineyard. It shows a little of the typical herbal/menthol, chocolate mint character, but with a deep rich nose. Winemaker Michael Trujillo says "This wine has a great entry with lots of blue and red fruits of cherry, currant and raspberry, and a tea leaf and blueberry character in the fruit which highlights the lushness of the wine. This wine is well balanced and very approachable and expressive, silky smooth, plush and elegant in the mouth, with no edges. The use of 70% new French Oak is reflected in the cocoa and a dusty mocha mid-palate, but the oak is well-integrated, allowing further aging."

The 2014 vintage resembles a combination of the previous two vintages; a little forward, with the fruity palate of the 2012, and with some of the classic, traditional character of the 2013 vintage, showing great balance, structure and length. This is a very sophisticated wine, and very drinkable in its youth, with a lingering, expressive finish, that will only get better as it ages in the bottle.

Vintage Notes:

Reflecting the continued drought, the 2013/2014 winter was one of the driest on record in California and rainfall totals in the Napa Valley were approximately half of normal. But we were blessed with abundant spring rains in February and March just at bud-break, bringing our annual total rainfall to almost normal. This was followed by a long, moderately warm spring, with even flowering, good fruit set and few heat spikes throughout the summer season, all helping to produce the third extraordinary vintage, in both quality and quantity, in a row.

Tonnage was almost at the same generous levels as the previous two vintages and berry sizes were typically smaller with more concentrated flavors, which contributed to the overall quality of the 2014 year's harvest. Harvest was almost two weeks early, with the cooler sections of



the Herb Lamb vineyard used for the *Two Old Dogs* wines being picked October 3 in perfect fall weather.

Technical Data:

Alcohol: 14.4%

Composition: 100% Cabernet Sauvignon

Appellation: Napa Valley

Barrels: 70% new French oak

Vineyards: Herb Lamb Vineyard

Case production: 440

Suggested Retail Price: \$55

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