



2014 DRAGONFLY VINEYARD®

Cabernet Sauvignon, St. Helena, Napa Valley



VINEYARD DESCRIPTION

The diminutive, four-acre Dragonfly Vineyard is located in St. Helena at the base of Spring Mountain. Old timers know this magical place as a “banana belt” microclimate, as its ideal summer temperatures allow the vines to develop their notable ripe and jammy fruit. The vines benefit from the site’s deep, gravelly loam soils and gentle southern exposure, and the vineyard is one of the first to be harvested each year.

HARVEST NOTES

This was another beautiful growing season with an ideal spring that led to an early budbreak and bloom. Despite the low rainfall, canopies were healthy and clusters were full. Since this vineyard is in a warm area, we monitored the water stress of our vines and used shade cloth to protect the fruit. We adjusted the crop to achieve the proper balance and then patiently waited for the fruit to ripen and the tannins to mature. This entire vineyard was night harvested in mid-September, and the fruit was optically sorted to ensure that only the best fruit went into the fermenters.

SENSORY EVALUATION

Vibrant and juicy, the 2014 Dragonfly Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon has aromas of rose petal and raspberry. Ripe strawberry, raspberry and floral notes are predominant upon the first sip and yield to layers of baking spice, vanilla and toasted oak. This wine is perfectly balanced with a texture that is elegant, yet full. Soft, supple tannins build on the middle palate and carry this youthful fruit into a long, polished finish.

APPELLATION

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VARIETAL

100% Cabernet Sauvignon

AGING

French oak barrels
(59% new, 41% once-used)

RELEASE DATE

September 2017

HARVEST DATE

September 20, 2014

SKIN CONTACT

14 days

TIME

17 months

FIRST VINTAGE

1997

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