

Heitz Cellar

2014 Ink Grade Vineyard Zinfandel Napa Valley



Winemaker's Insight

The 2014 Ink Grade Vineyard Zinfandel is made in a classic expression of the variety and stays true to the many wonderful characteristics of Zinfandel. This wine hails from our Ink Grade Vineyard, high upon Howell Mountain where the flavor of mountainside grown fruit noticeably stands out. Notes of red cherry, tart plum, ripe raspberries and cassis are complemented by a toasted marshmallow and a hint of vanilla from the oak barrel aging. True to the Heitz style, our Zinfandel is crafted with finesse, lending balance to the refreshing acidity and silky structure that makes this wine a perfect food pairing choice. This Zinfandel shows the concentration of flavors that the 2014 vintage is known for and is ready for immediate enjoyment.

- Brittany Sherwood, Winemaker

2014 Vintage

The 2014 season was yet another excellent growing year in the Napa Valley. Despite the California drought, rain thankfully arrived in February and March to give the vines a well-deserved drink of water right at the start of the growing season. This led to an overall boost of concentration and flavor in our grapes and in the end, we were fortunate to have a healthy and bountiful crop. Spring arrived early which translated to an earlier than normal crush. Our winery began harvest on August 11th and brought in the last of our fruit on October 14th. The outstanding weather over that two-month period meant that everything was picked at its optimal maturity.

Wine Data

Varietal Composition: 100% Zinfandel

Vineyard Designation: Ink Grade Vineyard

AVA: Napa Valley

Alc. by vol: 14.5%

pH: 3.65

TA g/L: 6.4

Aging Regime: 9 months in neutral oak tanks, 2 years in once-used, tight grain French oak, followed by 1 year cellared in bottle.

Stewardship: Certified organic by CCOF; Fish Friendly Farming

Harvest Date: September 1, 2014

Release Date: November 1, 2018

Cases produced: 1,630

Founded in 1961, Heitz Cellar is a Napa Valley legend that has helped shape the history of Napa Valley winemaking. Pioneering vintner Joe Heitz ushered in Napa's modern era with his iconic, globally-celebrated wines, including Napa Valley's first vineyard-designated Cabernet Sauvignon, the renowned Heitz Cellar Martha's Vineyard. In 2018, the winery entered an exciting new chapter as the Heitz family passed this rich legacy into the hands of the Lawrence family, whose deep roots in agriculture and commitment to the same core values of fine winemaking made it a perfect match. Made with an unwavering commitment to quality from organically farmed, 100% Napa Valley fruit, Heitz celebrates its agrarian roots and commitment to the stewardship of Napa Valley.