

Heitz Cellar

2014 Cabernet Sauvignon Napa Valley



Winemaker's Insight

The 2014 Napa Valley Cabernet strikes you visually with its brilliant bright purple and ruby hues. On the nose, notes of black cherry, blackberries, ripe raspberry, and tart plum are complimented by savory herbal notes and a gentle vanilla lift from oak aging. This is a perfect representation of what a Napa Valley Cabernet should and can be. Its bright and inviting aroma matched by smooth tannins and a refreshing, yet lingering finish, compels you to go back for another sip. I personally love the Napa Valley Cabernet for its classic expression of true Napa Valley terroir. As a winemaker, the ability to use our own vineyards throughout Napa Valley to craft this wine is one of the things I look forward to most each year. Each vineyard and each block of fruit that goes into this Cabernet is a thoughtful choice to express the very best of what Heitz Cellar, and Napa Valley, has to offer.

- 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. We picked our first Sauvignon Blanc on August 11th and brought in the last of our Cabernet on October 14th. The perfect weather over that two-month period meant that everything was picked at its optimal maturity.

Wine Data

Varietal Composition: 100% Cabernet Sauvignon

AVA: Napa Valley

Alc. by vol: 14.5%

pH: 3.45

TA g/L: 6.8

Aging Regime: 8 months in neutral oak tanks, 2 years in 50% new and 50% used French Limousin oak barrels, followed by 18 mo. celled in bottle.

Stewardship: Certified organic by CCOF; Fish Friendly Farming

Harvest Date: September 5 to October 14, 2014

Release Date: January 1, 2019

Cases produced: 22,400

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.