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2014 CABERNET SAUVIGNON NAPA VALLEY

Vintage

The 2014 harvest arrived early and with a bang; our first grapes arrived a few days prior to the South Napa Earthquake. The growing season was marked by “near perfect” weather, following a winter with half of the normal rainfall. With one of the driest years on record, the vines yielded smaller berries with good flavor concentration. Overall yields were above average, but below the large crops of the prior two harvests; quality is high, with good depth of flavor.

Vineyards

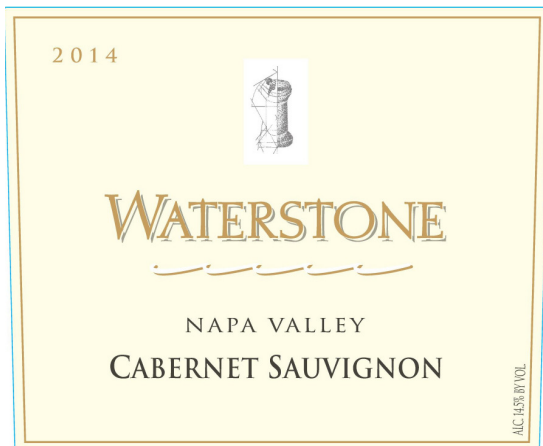
Well-established hillside vineyards are the foundation of this wine, giving the finished blend its intense inner core of fruit. The complexity and balance of this vintage was achieved through diverse sourcing, although a significant portion of the blend was drawn from the Truchard Vineyard in Carneros in an effort to strike balance.

Vinification

Following destemming, the hand-picked grapes were stainless steel-fermented and received extended skin contact before being transferred to barrels. The wine was aged in small French oak barrels for 24 months (15% new barrels) where the wine completed malolactic fermentation. The wine was racked prior to bottling.

Tasting Notes

Dark garnet color. Cassis, allspice, cedar, and flinty notes dominate the aroma. On the palate, the wine is structured with generous, mouth-coating tannins. Ripe blackberries and spice linger in the finish.



Technical Data:

Varietal Composition	81% Cabernet Sauvignon 16% Merlot 3% Petite Sirah
Appellation	Napa Valley
Alcohol	14.6%
TA	0.60g/100ml
pH	3.65
Oak Aging	24 months
Oak Cooperage	French oak, 15% new
Bottling Dates	June 28, 2017
Production	608 cases