



2014 CLOS DU VAL ESTATE CABERNET SAUVIGNON

WINEMAKER :	Ted Henry
REGION :	Napa Valley
VARIETALS :	Cabernet Sauvignon (93%), Cabernet Franc (3.5%), Merlot (3.5%)
MATURATION :	20 months in French oak barriques (40% new)
ANALYSIS :	14.1% alc/vol TA: 6.1 g/L pH: 3.6

VINTAGE NOTES :

In spite of all the interesting challenges nature handed out in 2014, it will go down in the record books as another year where amazing quality and quantity seemed like an easy task. The year started out with the drought at the top of everyone's minds, but a very welcomed rain storm during bud break set the vines up for great success in the growing season with perfectly timed moisture. The summer had warm, even days which helped along perfectly developing berries. Harvest began in late August, only to have an earthquake rock the world half way through picking the whites. The winery was spared any damage, but one of the vineyards now has a rather large crack right through the middle. Harvest continued at an even pace that has resulted in amazing color, flavor and textures. The fruit for this wine was hand-picked September 17 - October 15.

TASTING NOTES :

This wine delivers everything Clos du Val looks for from a great vintage. The color is an inky purple and the wine has aromas of coffee, blueberry, and toast. The palate is rich and complex, full of plum, boysenberry, and cocoa notes. The texture is lush, silky and full with well structured tannins that are approachable now or will cellar well for decades.

CRITICAL ACCLIAM :

91 pts Vinous

ABOUT CLOS DU VAL :

Clos Du Val, French for "small vineyard estate of a small valley," was founded in 1972 in the renowned Stags Leap District. The winery was first recognized for its Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon at the famed Judgment of Paris in 1976, establishing its place as one of Napa Valley's most iconic winery estates. Still family-owned today, Clos Du Val farms 350 acres of estate vineyards in Napa Valley's Stags Leap District, Carneros and Yountville sub-appellations. The winery also continues to craft wines of balance and complexity, showcasing the fruit from the outstanding terroir on which the estate lies.



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