

2014 ENDEAVOUR CABERNET SAUVIGNON - DRY CREEK VALLEY



HISTORY

Our estate Endeavour Vineyard is located in the Lytton Springs district of the Dry Creek Valley. Endeavour is the vision of the second generation to grow and produce Cabernet Sauvignon that equals the finest of any Cabernet Sauvignon in California. Strategically planted to take advantage of each of the diverse soil conditions on the property, the Endeavour Vineyard is also sustainably farmed. A labor of love, Endeavour continues to drive our family winery forward in our effort to produce world-class wines.

GROWING SEASON

An extremely dry winter began the 2014 growing season, giving us year number three of the drought. However, rain came in March and April just in time to recharge the ground water for the early growing season. Warm, dry weather extended into summer, with very few heat spikes and ideal growing conditions. Harvest came fast and early with ripe flavors at sugar levels lower than normal. Harvest finished earlier than normal and by December, the winery had almost 20 inches of rain in two weeks - a welcome relief for the dry vineyards!

WINEMAKER COMMENTS

The distinctive soil and *terroir* provide a wonderful canvas from which to craft a wine of elegance that displays both power and finesse. At first swirl, notes of cedar, black tea and cherry come forward, followed by deeper aromatics of strawberry jam, molasses and espresso. On the palate, elegant flavors of black currants, cassis and toast mingle with sweet and spicy notes. The refined tannins are well integrated, providing a long, lingering finish.

90+ Points

Robert Parker's Wine Advocate

92 Points, Gold

OC Wine Society

Gold, Best of Class

Dan Berger's International Wine Competition

RELEASE DATE October 2017

BLEND 90% Cabernet Sauvignon, 10% Petit Verdot

APPELLATION Dry Creek Valley

HARVEST DATES September 24 - October 4, 2014

ALCOHOL 14.3%

FERMENTATION 10 - 14 days in fermenters at 85°F; pumped over twice daily.

BARREL AGING 22 months in French oak; 60% new oak

BRIX Average 25.9

PH 3.56

TA 6.7g/L

SOILS Gravelly, hillside

VINE AGE 14 - 15 years

YIELDS 4 tons per acre

