



ACUMEN
Napa Valley

2014

Mountainside

CABERNET SAUVIGNON

TASTING NOTES

With a rich garnet color, this full-bodied wine opens with aromas of violets, pomegranate, and freshly toasted oak barrels, with a hint of potpourri and crisp linen. On the palate we find flavors of fresh cherries, Chambord, caramel, red plums, Earl Grey tea, and Anisette, with well-structured tannins and hints of dark cocoa, marzipan, and French Roast coffee on the long, and mouth-coating finish.

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18 months in 100% French Oak, 72% new

78% Cabernet Sauvignon, 7% Merlot, 6% Malbec,

5% Cabernet Franc, 4% Petit Verdot

14.0% ABV; 3000 cases produced

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2014 VINTAGE NOTES

Remembered locally in Napa Valley as “The Year of the Quake”, rains in late February and early March of 2014 gave vines a much-needed drink as they were emerging from dormancy and about to begin bud-break. A warm and gentle spring allowed for water conservation as no sprinklers were needed for frost protection during bud break. Smooth growing conditions allowed for ideal flower, fruit set, vine growth, and veraison, with harvest coming in about 2 weeks earlier than average. This produced nice crop loads and good, even ripeness coupled with excellent concentration and structure. We feel that 2014 represents one of the best vintages of the decade, even better than the highly-lauded 2013s.