



2014 MARSTON FAMILY VINEYARD CABERNET SAUVIGNON



The 2014 vintage marks our thirty-ninth growing season in the Napa Valley. We strive to produce a classic, distinctive wine that expresses the complexity of our terraced hillside vineyards along the southern edge of the Spring Mountain District. Each year we select and hand cultivate our favorite blocks of the 40-acre estate vineyard to produce a limited amount of *Marston Family Vineyard Estate Cabernet Sauvignon*.

Vintage Summary

The 2014 growing season started with an early bud break due to an early spring. As in the previous year, ideal conditions during bloom allowed for an almost perfect set. The temperate conditions continued through veraison in July and August, and the August earthquake did not affect the vines allowing the early harvest season to begin without interruption.

Within the vineyard, the 2014 vintage had very uniform clusters and balanced to light canopies compared to that of 2013 and 2012. The harvest season started off early, with ideal temperatures that allowed a wonderful set to support a more “normal” yield for the early varieties (e.g. Sauvignon Blanc, Chardonnay, Pinot Noir); however, the lack of soil moisture affected the canopies of the later ripening varieties (e.g. Cabernet Sauvignon, Syrah, Petite Verdot) such that our yields for Petite Sirah were lower than planned. Due to the early start, we were able to pick out before the late October rains and maximize the vintage from the smaller berry sizes, and consistently smaller clusters.

2014 MFV ESTATE Cabernet Sauvignon Technical Data:

Vineyard Source:	Marston Family Vineyard
Appellation:	Spring Mountain District, Napa Valley
Composition:	100% Estate Cabernet Sauvignon
Harvest Date:	October 6 th through October 14 th , 2014
Winemaker:	Marbue Marke (2009 – present)
Vinification:	50% Barrel fermentation, 50% Stainless Steel tank fermentation
Aging:	100% French Oak Aging for 19 months
Production:	548 Cases Bottled on May 18 th , 2016
Release Date:	September 15 th , 2017

Winemaker Tasting Notes: *“A beautiful bouquet of black raspberry, pomegranate, rose hips, violets, acai black tea and hints of cloves. The wild blackberry front leads to a full mouth of cassis, black raspberry, blueberry and hints of fresh tea leaf. The layers of complexity in the mid-palate are enhanced by young, elegant tannins delivering a weightless, yet concentrated finish of exceptional length.”* ~ Marbue Marke