

TERRA VALENTINE



2014 WURTELE VINEYARD CABERNET SAUVIGNON



Vintage:

"In spite of the drought and the South Napa earthquake, vintners are using words like 'quality,' 'depth of flavor' and 'excellent' to describe their expectations for the 2014 vintage in Napa Valley. Many are also noting 'perfect weather,' 'abundant crop' and 'good fortune' among the blessings they are counting in a season where Mother Nature threw a rockin' curveball."

Vineyard:

The Wurtele Vineyard (pronounced wer-tul), in 1990 by the Raymond family. It was purchased by Angus and Margaret Wurtele in 1995. The vineyard, which sits at elevations between 600 to 1000 feet, exudes variations of slope, aspect, and soil. Much like a compass rose, the vineyard is comprised of multiple exposure points that span a full 360 degrees around a central knoll. Though planted exclusively to clone 7 Cabernet Sauvignon, these exposures yield variety in vine orientation and tannin intensity, all of which lend to the unique characteristics of the wine.

Tasting:

Black Cherry, sarsaparilla, blackberry with clove, cedar, vanilla and caramel aromas slowly creep out of the glass. Soft and rich tannins greet the palate leading into a lush and silky texture that sweetens up on the finish.

Composition:

100% Cabernet Sauvignon

Barrel Regime:

22 months in barrel
100% French oak - 50% new

Harvest Dates:

October 3rd

Vinification:

Cold soaked 72 hours, Extended maceration, free-run drained off after 21 days total contact.

Bottling:

187 cases

Aging: 2017 - 2026

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