



WINE:

2014 CABERNET SAUVIGNON

CLASSIFICATION:

LARKMEAD VINEYARDS

PRODUCTION:

2,705 CASES

VARIETAL COMPOSITION:

93% CABERNET SAUVIGNON
7% PETIT VERDOT

SOIL PROFILE:

CORTINA (GRAVEL)
BALE LOAM (SAND)
PLEASANTON LOAM (CLAY)

ALCOHOL:

14.7%

FRENCH OAK AGING:

19 MONTHS, 76% NEW
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TASTING NOTES

Petit Verdot, even in the small quantities present in this wine, exudes its signature textural density and floral nose of purple and blue flowers that complement Cabernet's macerated red and blue fruit so well. Cassis, graphite and crushed rock follow through on the palate, with a vibrant, cherry cola tone that rings in the finish.

The fruit for this wine was harvested from predominantly young vines, and their youthful energy resonates on the palate. It is medium in weight with a supple, juicy core of blackberries that is lifted by hints of red licorice and spice. There is an expansiveness on the finish as the tannins coat the palate. The tannins themselves are very dusty, like a cherry-flavored talcum powder.

DRINKING WINDOW

This wine is incredibly expressive right now, with a wonderful balance of aroma, flavor and structure. As such, I recommend drinking this wine upon release and for the next 3-5 years. That said, an additional 10-15 years of cellaring will reward those who enjoy watching the darker, youthful flavors evolve into tobacco leaf and plum.