



2014 MERITAGE

TECHNICAL INFORMATION

Vineyard: The Meritage Resort & Spa Estate Vineyard

Varietals: 34% Cabernet Sauvignon, 20% Mataro, 19% Merlot,
15% Cabernet Franc, 12% Petit Verdot

Appellation: Napa Valley

Alcohol: 14.6%

Production: 1,715 Cases

Barrel program: 20 months, 100% new French oak

TASTING NOTES

The 2014 Meritage simmers from the glass with a harmonious bouquet of mulberry, black cherry, clove, and toasted graham cracker. The mouthwatering palate fans out for almost a minute with a kaleidoscope of rich blackberry, plum, blueberry, and raspberry that is lifted by refreshing acidity. The ripe berry medley trails off into a savory finish of tobacco and black licorice. This is a shinning example of the range of flavors that can be achieved in a blend. It checks all the boxes, and everyone will find it hard to resist.

WINEMAKING NOTES

Our winemaker, Kevin Mills, blends this wine piece by piece. He uses the modern technique of cold soaking prior to fermentation. This ensures maximum color extraction and the preservation of fruit flavors. Our namesake wine is then barrel aged for 20 months in 100% new French oak.

VINEYARD NOTES

The Meritage grapes come from our estate vineyard located at the Meritage Resort & Spa, in the shadow of the iconic Grape Crusher Statue. The Vineyard is seven and a half acres and home to all five noble red Bordeaux varietals: Cabernet Sauvignon, Cabernet Franc, Merlot, Malbec and Petit Verdot. The Vineyard is northern facing, allowing constant sun exposure throughout the day. The gentle slope of the vineyard in combination with the rocky soil gives the vines great drainage to maintain berry concentration. It is not typical to plant these varietals in the normally cooler southern part of Napa. However, it allows for a longer growing season with more “hang time” for the grapes.

SUGGESTED RETAIL PRICE: \$65

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