

BRAVANTE

Napa Valley

2014 Estate Cabernet Sauvignon

Varietal Content

100% Estate grown
91% Cabernet Sauvignon
9% Cabernet Franc

Winemaking

22 months, French Oak
Bottled, September, 2016
One Polish Filtration
Alcohol, 14.8%
Aging Potential, 10 - 14 yrs
Cases Produced, 506
Winemaker, Duane Dappen

Viticulture

Howell Mountain AVA
Estate grown and bottled
Peter Murphy, Viticulturist

2014 was an early harvest vintage for the Napa Valley as a whole and Howell Mountain especially. We started picking our Cabernet Sauvignon in late September and finished by the middle of October - early for us. The crop yield was great, and the even temperatures allowed us to harvest our estate-grown fruit at the ideal ripeness, producing wines both layered and balanced.

Our 2014 estate-grown Cabernet Sauvignon jumps out of the glass with powerful aromas of raspberry and cherry, mingling with our trademark hints of cedar, herbs and porcinis. This vintage has full, smooth tannins leading into a rich and textured mouthfeel. Raspberry is echoed on the palate, with plum and spice-box leading into a creamy and smooth finish. This wine will age well for 10-15 years but is drinkable now with an hour of decanting.

Reviews:

95 Points, and "Year's Best US Cabernets" - Wine & Spirits Magazine, Oct, 2020

93 Points – James Suckling, JamesSuckling.com

90 Points - Jeb Dunnuck