

2014

MERLOT

HOSSFELD VINEYARD
NAPA VALLEY



HARVEST DATES: 9/16
GRAPE SOURCE: Hossfeld and
Holbrook Mitchell
Vineyards
BLEND: 97% Merlot and 3%
Cabernet Sauvignon
HARVEST BRIX: 25.7°
MACERATION: 15 day native yeast
fermentation
AGING: 22 months in French
oak (70% new)
PH: 3.64
TA: 6.1 G/L
ALCOHOL: 15.0%
PRODUCTION: 230 cases 12-pack
750ml

TASTING NOTES:

We are so pleased to continue working with these meticulously farmed grapes. The vineyard is truly special and we strive to translate its essence into wine. The 2014 is dark red in color and features perfectly ripe red and black fruit that greet you as you lift the glass. Raspberries, rhubarb, blueberries, and plums mingle with dark chocolate, cracked black pepper, and sweet cherries. It is lavishly textured with deep, dense fruit flavors of cherries, figs, mulberries, and plums with underlying hints of forest floor. This wine is rich and lively on the palate with ripe tannins and a long finish.

VINEYARD:

Hossfeld vineyard is located in the eastern hills of Napa Valley, 1500 feet above the valley floor where steep terraces have been chiseled into the bedrock of Soda Canyon. Each hole had to be dynamited in order to plant and the vines produce low yield, high quality grapes from these stressed growing conditions. The heat from Soda Canyon radiates up the hillside and keeps the rocks warm into the early evening. The vineyard receives lots of morning sun and the afternoon breezes and southern exposure create remarkable grapes with intense color and beautiful red fruit flavors.



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