

COLLECTORS SERIES

MIRA Cabernet Sauvignon Schweizer 2014



VINTAGE SUMMARY

Vintage 2014 is best remembered as the year of the big, Napa centered earthquake. This occurred in August, at a time most wineries are preparing to receive fruit if they haven't already done so. Though wineries were impacted, the vineyards themselves suffered no damage. The months leading to harvest showed a drought tendency, with the 2013/14 season being one of the driest on record. Though rainfall was about half of normal, we received quite a bit of rain in February and March, enough to hold us over for the rest of the season. The warm Spring and dry summer resulted in smaller grapes, which typically means a higher degree in flavor concentration. Nature gave us an unexpected bounty in 2014, however another excellent vintage.

VINEYARD NOTES

Schweizer Vineyard, one of the oldest in Napa Valley, has been producing grapes for premier wines for over 100 years and has been owned by the Schweizer family since 1956. This small 42 acre vineyard in the heart of Stags Leap District brings together some of the best soils and the perfect microclimate for growing Cabernet Sauvignon. The combination of excellent draining Perkins Gravelly Loam soil, the guarantee of great afternoon sun due to its position on the east side of the valley and ideal hot days and cool nights secure that Schweizer Vineyard is among the world's top locations to grow Cabernet Sauvignon.

WINEMAKING NOTES

10 day cold maceration followed by 14 days of fermentation. Daily pumpovers during active fermentation at 88°F. 40 days total vat time in small French oak vats followed by malolactic fermentation in barrel. Aged for 28 months in 100% French oak barrels (100% new). Bottled non fined and non filtered.

SENSORY

Layers of seductive red fruit aromas interwoven with hints of minerality attract the nose. The initial contact with the palate hints at a brightness that is sure to allow the wine to gain complexity over many years while the middle is loaded with red fruit, supple tannin and just a hint of French oak. The finale is grandiose with a sexy perfume filled return and a long finish that begs for another taste. This wine is non fined, non filtered. Expect some sediment from our pure approach to winemaking. This wine can be cellared for years to come.

Gustavo A. Gonzalez
Winemaker

VINTAGE

2014, 100%

VARIETAL

CABERNET SAUVIGNON 100%

APPELLATION

NAPA VALLEY 100%

DISTRICT

STAGS LEAP

VINEYARD

SCHWEIZER

MALOLACTIC FERMENTATION

FULL, IN BARREL

RESIDUAL SUGAR

0.1 G/L

TITRATABLE ACIDITY

6.0 G/L

PH

3.79

ALCOHOL

14.5%

BOTTLE AGE

28 MONTHS

CASES PRODUCED

250

SRP

\$280