



## DOUBLE GOLD MEDAL

### 2016 SAN FRANCISCO INTERNATIONAL WINE COMPETITION

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## 2014 Baby Blue Red Wine Blend

Blue Rock owner/winemaker Kenny Kahn realized the need for an **affordable, balanced and food friendly Cabernet based wine that has real personality and soul yet without the heaviness associated with California Cabernet.**

The 2014 Baby Blue is an artistic blend of the five Bordeaux varietals plus a touch of Syrah. The blend delivers a wine that is delicious and accessible and with velvety tannins, fine aromatics, balance and length. 2014 is likely the finest Baby Blue to date; a blend of 38% Cabernet Sauvignon, 31 % Merlot, 10% Petit Verdot, 8% Syrah, 8% Cabernet Franc, and 5% Malbec . The wine spent 12 months in French Oak and has been bottled unfined.

#### **Winemaker's Notes: March 20, 2016**

The 2014, from another great year in Northern California, is full of dark black fruits (blackberry, black cherry) and with a long finish. The 2014 has a bit more depth and grip than previous vintages which I find very positive.

Our goal as winemakers is to make a unique wine that has soul, balance, lots of flavor, and yet without the heaviness that one often finds in California Cabernet. The addition of Merlot brings sweetness and silky tannins, the Cabernet Franc adds a complex aromatic while lifting the texture, and Petit Verdot and Syrah round out the palate with warm black fruit.

2014 is the 8<sup>th</sup> vintage of Baby Blue and it has improved as the vines mature. **It is remarkable for the price and it is mostly Estate fruit from a vineyard adjacent to Silver Oak Winery, 100% French Oak, and artisan production.**

**Alcohol:** 14.2% **Ph** 3.53



#### **What the Critics have said about Baby Blue...**

While the 2014 vintage just released has not yet been reviewed there has been a chorus of love for all of the previous vintages.

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\* previous vintage as 2014 not yet rated