

BLUE * ROCK

2014 Blue Rock Alexander Valley Cabernet Sauvignon

The 2014 Blue Rock Cabernet is the result of a severe selection yielding only 444 cases. The vintage, rated 93 points by Robert Parker, will be remembered as a great vintage. The 2014 Blue Rock, from tiny Cabernet clusters that reflected the drought, is 92% Cabernet Sauvignon and blended with smaller amounts of Cabernet Franc, Malbec, and Petit Verdot. It is produced primarily from our oldest vines most dating to 1987. It is aged for 22 months in 50% new French Oak and 50% once used barrels. The wine is very aromatic with notes of mint, blueberry and black fruits. Deep flavors of black cherry are balanced with well endowed, but fine grained tannins. There is excellent balance and a persistent finish. It is very approachable and ready for either early consumption or long term cellaring.

The Blue Rock style is one of elegance and restraint rather than heavy and highly extracted and weighs in at only 14.1%. We strive for a wine that has a solid structure and lots of flavor, yet, without the heaviness that one associates with many modern-day California Cabernets.

Varietal: 92% Cabernet Sauvignon (clones 4,7,15,337), 5% Petit Verdot, 3% Cabernet Franc, 2% Malbec

Alcohol: 14.1% PH 3.5 Ta .6

Cases: 444 750ml

Winemakers: Kent Humphrey, Kenny Kahn, Rogelio Alvarado, Carla Jeffries



Our Thoughts

Here is a wine that we discovered in our quest for something different than a Napa Cabernet. Blue Rock proves that there is an exciting palate-pleasing world on the other side of the Mayacamas Mountain and it can hold its own compared to the top Napa bottlings and at half the cost.

How is it different? **It is a cellar worthy beauty that happens to be drinking fantastic today.**

Unlike many Cabs that have tended to get bigger and more alcoholic in order to impress the "critics" Blue Rock has stayed true to a consistent style that emphasizes elegance, good structure, and plenty of power considering the excellent balance. It is a Bordeaux style of Cabernet that hails from the Alexander valley and **transports those lucky enough to have it to the way that California Cabernet wines used to be.** It is a bottle made as much for 2020 as it is for today and only 14.1 alcohol!

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