

# OPTIMA

## 2014 CABERNET SAUVIGNON ALEXANDER VALLEY

### *Vineyard*

The Cabernet Sauvignon comes from a small mountain vineyard just east of the town of Healdsburg. The vineyard slopes to the southeast and is comprised of well-draining glacial loam, which controls growth and produces small berries and ultimately wines of deep concentration.

### *Winemaking*

Our goal is to highlight the special characters of Alexander Valley Cabernet while showcasing the distinct benefits and attributes associated with this magnificent vineyard. The Cabernet Sauvignon was handpicked October 18, 2014 at 25.5 degrees brix. The grapes were fermented 10 days to dryness and then macerated an additional twenty-one days to soften and develop the tannins. Following pressing 90% of the wine was moved to 60 gallon French Oak barrels where it received three gentle barrel to barrel rackings. This vintage was barrel aged for twenty-two months prior to bottling. Optima is handcrafted, utilizing the best possible resources available. The result is an exceptional example of richness and balance that are the hallmarks of this world-renowned

### *Tasting Notes*

Our 2014 Optima Alexander Valley Cabernet Sauvignon is characterized by a beautiful rich nose with generous bright fruit and deep, concentrated, multi-layered aromas of dark red cherry, blackberries, licorice, and caramel. Espresso and cassis mingle with hints of dark chocolate and tobacco. Well-integrated elements of sweet oak and vanilla carefully complement the fruit flavors and the round, rich silky middle. Supple on the palate, yet with a weighty, fruity mouthfeel and a medium tannic finish.

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#### TECHNICAL DATA:

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Appellation: Alexander Valley  
Blend: 100% Cabernet Sauvignon  
Barrel Aging: 22 Months  
Alcohol: 14.5%  
pH: 3.69  
RS: None

