

BRAVANTE

Napa Valley

2014 Estate Merlot

Varietal Content

100% Estate grown
92% Merlot
8% Cabernet Franc

Winemaking

22 months, French Oak
Bottled, September, 2016
One Polish Filtration
Alcohol, 14.6%
Aging Potential, 8-10 yrs
Cases Produced, 308
Winemaker, Duane Dappen

Viticulture

Howell Mountain AVA
Estate grown and bottled
Peter Murphy, Viticulturist

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Suggested Retail, \$70

2014 was an early harvest vintage for the Napa Valley as a whole and Howell Mountain especially. We started picking in late September and finished by the middle of October -early for us. The crop yield was great, and the even temperatures allowed us to harvest our estate-grown fruit at the ideal ripeness, producing wines both layered and balanced.

Our 2014 estate-grown Merlot greets you with whiffs of pepper, crushed herbs and cherry, and our ever-present plum. It follows with crushed berries, and the mouthfeel is rich, supported by well-integrated tannins and a hint of earthiness. The palate echoes the plum, with raspberry and hints of cedar, and minerality from the estate Cabernet Franc blended in. This wine will age well for up to 10 years but is enjoyable now with an hour of decanting.

Reviews:

93 Points – James Suckling, JamesSuckling.com

“Subtly earthy nuances across ripe red plums and blackberries, leading to a plush, supple and seamlessly long, fresh palate. Impressive depth and focus here. A blend of 90 per cent merlot and 10 per cent cabernet sauvignon. Drink or hold.”

91 Points - Jeb Dunnuck

“... the 2014 Merlot is open and expressive, with complex notes of spice, cherries, incense, dried herbs, and hints of chocolate. It too is nicely concentrated, textured, and well-balanced, with loads to love”

