



# FLORA SPRINGS

## WINEMAKER NOTES

Flora Springs has the distinction of being home to one of Napa Valley's original "ghost wineries" – wineries built between 1860 and 1900 but abandoned in the early 20th century due to the triple threat of the vine disease phylloxera, the Great Depression, and of course Prohibition. Today, some ghost wineries still exist as tumbledown ruins, but others, such as Flora Springs, have been renovated and restored to their former glory. Each year we bottle a small amount of estate-grown Malbec in honor of our winery's illustrious history. Featuring a hand-drawn etching of our historic stone cellar, the Ghost Winery Malbec evokes early Flora Springs labels in its look and typeface.

Sourced from two small blocks within the Komes Ranch in Rutherford, this limited-production 2014 Malbec is witch-kettle black with spine-tingling flavors of black cherry, currant and ripe plum and hints of mocha, tobacco and vanilla. Intense and concentrated with silky tannins and a ripe, juicy mouthfeel, this is a frightfully good wine with a hauntingly delicious finish.

## ALL THE FACTS

**Appellation:** *Napa Valley (100% Rutherford)*

**Varietal:** *100% Malbec*

**Cases Produced:** *460*

**Aging:** *20 months in a combination of French & American oak barrels (25% new)*

**Suggested Retail Price:** *\$55*

**Enjoyability:** *Now through 2021*

## ON THE VINE

In spite of a year that saw the continuation of California's drought, vintners in the region celebrated another fine vintage in 2014. Late winter rains gave a much-needed drink of water to vines as they emerged from dormancy, and a warm, relatively frost-free spring allowed bud break, flowering and fruit set to proceed uninterrupted. Continued warm, dry weather throughout the summer brought the grapes to ripeness in a harvest that was relatively early and also bountiful. 2014 was the third great vintage year in a row for Napa Valley, with vintners using phrases such as "excellent quality," "depth of flavor" and "exciting concentration" to describe the wines.