



# FLORA SPRINGS



## WINEMAKER NOTES

This Super Tuscan-style red wine combines the vibrant, bright cherry flavors of the Sangiovese varietal with the dark purple, wild berry characteristics of Malbec, Syrah and Cabernet Sauvignon. The 2014 is forward and juicy, with black cherry and plum vying with wild black raspberry for dominance on the palate. Aged in a judicious mix of small oak barrels mixed with larger oak ovals, the wine shows hints of brown spices, vanilla, and cedar, while the fine-grained tannins impart a smooth, polished finish. This is pleasure in a glass, one of our most food-friendly wines, capable of pairing with a variety of meat and vegetable-based pasta dishes as well as meats and hard cheeses.

## ALL THE FACTS

**Appellation:** *Napa Valley*

**Varietal:** *51% Sangiovese, 25% Malbec, 22% Syrah,  
2% Cabernet Sauvignon*

**Cases Produced:** *500*

**Aging:** *15 months in a combination of large oak ovals  
and small oak barrels*

**Suggested Retail Price:** *\$40*

**Enjoyability:** *Drink now through 2026 for optimum enjoyment*

## ON THE VINE

In spite of a year that saw the continuation of California's drought as well as an earthquake in southern Napa Valley, vintners in the region celebrated another vintage for the record books in 2014. Heavy rains in late February and early March 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 without interruption. Continued warm, dry weather throughout the summer brought the grapes to perfect 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 forthcoming wines.