



FLORA SPRINGS



WINEMAKER NOTES

Tucked behind our old family home on the northwestern edge of the Rutherford appellation is our Hillside Reserve Vineyard. This benchland site sweeps dramatically up the hillside, bordering an ancient creek and wrapping around the natural springs that give our winery its name. The Hillside Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon, sourced from Block J at the vineyard's highest elevation, was the first Cabernet we chose to bottle on its own. The 2014 vintage is dark purple, dense and concentrated, with abundant flavors of black currants, black cherries, bittersweet chocolate, cardamom spice and a hint of violet. Aged in new and seasoned French oak barrels that embellish the wine with notes of smoky oak, cedar, and hints of tobacco and graphite, this is a deeply-fruited, powerful Rutherford Cabernet from another spectacular vintage. The wine's polished tannins, long finish, and firm structure promise long term aging potential.

ALL THE FACTS

Appellation: *Rutherford, Napa Valley*

Varietal: *100% Cabernet Sauvignon*

Cases Produced: *500*

Aging: *22 months in French oak barrels (60% new)*

Suggested Retail Price: *\$150*

Enjoyability: *Drink now or cellar. Pull the cork until 2035 for optimum enjoyment.*

ON THE VINE

2014 was celebrated by Napa Valley vintners as another vintage for the record books. Heavy winter rains nourished the 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.