



FLORA SPRINGS



WINEMAKER NOTES

Named for the founders of our historic 1885 winery, our Rennie Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon stems from thirty years of farming a three-acre block on the Flora Springs Estate in the far southwest corner of the St. Helena appellation. With the precise use of deficit irrigation, perfectly matched clone to soil selection and proper row orientation, this block is arguably the finest of our 350 acres of Napa Valley vineyard land. We call it Block C, a percentage of which we use to create our Rennie Reserve Cabernet. The 2014 vintage yielded a big, concentrated wine with forward flavors of black cherry, blueberry, and crème de cassis that coat the mouth in luscious blue/black fruit. Hints of earth, cedar smoke and toasty oak emerge in this layered and complex Cabernet, and though muscular and powerful, the wine's silky-smooth tannins keep it approachable even in its youth. Still, this wine will reward aging for the next 20 years, and should be decanted if opened within the next five.

ALL THE FACTS

Appellation: *St. Helena, Napa Valley*

Varietal: *100% Cabernet Sauvignon*

Cases Produced: *530*

Aging: *22 months in French oak barrels (39% 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.