

2014 MERLOT

An unusually powerful and rich Merlot that illustrates the full potential of the Ehlers terroir. A complex presentation of black raspberries, red currants, cigar wrapper, and chocolate cherries. The tannins are at once fine and chewy, and the bold, juicy structure of this wine is what has always made the Ehlers Merlot "a Merlot for Cabernet drinkers."

Notes on the Vintage

2014 was another great vintage in the Napa Valley. A drought year for sure, but just as the spring rolled in we received a timely drenching rain that was just what the vines needed to get started. The season took off historically early, the weather was warm and mellow all summer, and we harvested earlier than ever under sunny skies. The fruit was beautiful, the wines are intense, complex, and concentrated.

<u>Varietal</u> Merlot 93% Merlot, 7% Cabernet Franc

Appellation St. Helena

<u>Harvest date</u> September 3 - 24, 2014

ph 3.59

<u>alc</u> 14.2%

Bottling date August 9, 2016