

BARNETT VINEYARDS

Spring Mountain District
NAPA VALLEY

Cabernet Sauvignon Spring Mountain District 2014

Harvest Date:	September 22 nd , October 1 st , 9 th , 12 th , 14 th , 16 th , 17 th , 21 st , 22 nd , 25 th
Grape Source:	Spring Mountain District (York Creek, Barnett Vineyards). All Estate
Blend:	83% Cabernet Sauvignon, 11% Cabernet Franc 4% Petit Verdot, and 2% Merlot
Aging:	22 months in French Oak Barrels 60% new and 30% two to five years old
Alcohol:	14.7%
Total Production:	104 Barrels made
Release Date:	October 2015
Winemaker:	David Tate

Vintage Notes: The 2014 vintage atop Spring Mountain was the third in a string of three great vintages. There was not much of a winter, with far below average rainfall. A moderate spring lead into a record breaking summer for high temperatures. However the diurnal effect from our mountain top allowed for very cool nights aiding the vine in slowing down any rapid ripening of the fruit. The small amounts of Cabernet Franc and Petit Verdot were ready first, but just a few weeks following the many different sections of the Cabernet Sauvignon reached physiological ripeness. Sourced from our own estate and neighboring vineyards under Estate control, this Spring Mountain Cabernet Sauvignon captures the essence of mountain fruit.

Winemaker Notes: The grapes were sourced from our Estate, and neighboring York Creek Vineyards, with the entire blend being solely from the Spring Mountain Appellation and all under estate control. Each lots time frame of maceration was based individually on each lots extraction, from 13 to 23 days. Each Vineyard block was then aged separately for 22 months, the barrels being French oak and 70% new. The addition of Cabernet Franc, Merlot and Petit Verdot spiced up the blend and added more structure and complexity to the wine.

Tasting Notes: The 2014 Spring Mountain Cabernet Sauvignon is a deep dark intense looking wine. Fresh blackberry and blueberry pie fill the glass. Powdered cocoa, coffee grounds and fresh ground pepper are also apparent. This is one of the richer and rounder Spring Mountain Cabernets. Cinnamon, cedar and more blackberry all present themselves on the palate. The tannins are soft and chalky balancing the firm mountain acidity. This Cabernet presents itself well in its youth but will age nicely over the next 9-11 years (2025-2027).