

LAUREL GLEN COUNTERPOINT

CABERNET SAUVIGNON

2014

SONOMA MOUNTAIN, CA

OUR MOST APPROACHABLE SONOMA MOUNTAIN CABERNET:

Stylish and Harmonious

VINEYARD NOTES

Beginning in 2011, we introduced organic farming practices at Laurel Glen Vineyard and upgraded pruning and trellising methods in order to improve concentration and consistency. As the changes we've made in the vineyard take effect, the quality of the fruit we harvest has increased. But the quantity of the fruit we harvest has decreased.

In order to consistently produce 2,000-3,000 cases of Laurel Glen Counterpoint Cabernet Sauvignon, we have developed relationships with quality oriented neighbors on Sonoma Mountain. In addition to fruit from our estate vineyard, the 2014 vintage of Counterpoint benefits from Cabernet Sauvignon and Merlot from the venerable Pickberry Vineyard, now farmed by Ned Hill, and from Cabernet Sauvignon from the Murray Vineyard, farmed organically by Joe Votek.

VINTAGE NOTES

The 2014 growing season began early, the result of a warm and dry spring. Mother Nature blessed us with beautiful mild weather for the 3rd year in a row, leading to excellent quality grapes that were all safely in the winery before the end of September. 2014 was an unusually large harvest, a welcome change from the extremely small yield of 2013. The abundance of 2014 grapes gave us the opportunity to bottle almost double the amount of Counterpoint as the year before. This will allow us to change the release date of Counterpoint so that future vintages spend an additional 6-8 months in the bottle, ensuring that flavors are fully integrated and the wine is at peak drinkability when released.

WINE NOTES

2014 Laurel Glen Counterpoint has lovely aromas of plum and dark raspberry. In the mouth, the wine unfolds in layers of spice and anise. The finish is fresh and bright with a focused minerality and tannins that are firm, round and delicious.

APELLATION: Sonoma Mountain

VARIETAL COMPOSITION: 90% Cabernet Sauvignon, 10% Merlot

CASE PRODUCTION: 3,800 Cases

ALCOHOL: 14.4%

% NEW OAK: 30% New Tonnellerie Taransaud, 10% New Canton Cooperage

TIME IN OAK: 16 months

