

Heitz Cellar

2014 Linda Falls Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon Howell Mountain, Napa Valley



Winemaker's Insight

In 2002, we planted cabernet vines on Howell Mountain near the gateway to the Linda Falls Preserve. That same year we donated an adjacent 21 acres to the Land Trust as a conservation easement for the preserve, for hikers and nature lovers to enjoy the splendor of the waterfall, which runs year-round. Stretching above the fog at an average elevation of 1500 feet, this area is known for well-drained, volcanic soils and a cooler climate which results in longer hangtime. The vines are planted in narrow rows, deliberately positioned to capture the strongest rays of the summer sun. As the fruit matures, the dense spacing and abundant sunshine leads to a low yield of smaller berries with thick, deeply-hued skins. This picturesque, hilly vineyard is surrounded by pine trees, deer, and bears; a truly special slice of Napa Valley.

"Its full palate shows how refined and elegant a Howell Mountain wine can be; a firm tannin structure yet silky, with a juicy lingering finish. Undeniably made in the classic Heitz style, it has a liveliness to it with balanced acidity."

- Brittany Sherwood, Winemaker

2014 Vintage

The 2014 season was yet another excellent growing year in the Napa Valley. Despite the California drought, rain thankfully arrived in February and March to give the vines a well-deserved drink of water right at the start of the growing season. This led to an overall boost of concentration and flavor in our grapes and in the end, we were fortunate to have a healthy and bountiful crop. Spring arrived early which translated to an earlier than normal crush. Our winery began harvest on August 11th and brought in the last of our fruit on October 14th. The outstanding weather over that two-month period meant that everything was picked at its optimal maturity.

Wine Data

Varietal Composition: 100% Cabernet Sauvignon

AVA: Howell Mountain, Napa Valley

Alc. by vol: 14.5%

pH: 3.60

TA g/L: 5.95

Aging Regime: 1 year in neutral oak tanks, 2 years in 100% new French tight-grain oak barrels, followed by 1 year celled in bottle.

Stewardship: Certified organic by CCOF; Fish Friendly Farming

Harvest Date: October 6, 2014

Release Date: November 1, 2018

Cases produced: 668

Founded in 1961, Heitz Cellar is a Napa Valley legend that has helped shape the history of Napa Valley winemaking. Pioneering vintner Joe Heitz ushered in Napa's modern era with his iconic, globally-celebrated wines, including Napa Valley's first vineyard-designated Cabernet Sauvignon, the renowned Heitz Cellar Martha's Vineyard. In 2018, the winery entered an exciting new chapter as the Heitz family passed this rich legacy into the hands of the Lawrence family, whose deep roots in agriculture and commitment to the same core values of fine winemaking made it a perfect match. Made with an unwavering commitment to quality from organically farmed, 100% Napa Valley fruit, Heitz celebrates its agrarian roots and commitment to the stewardship of Napa Valley.