

CLOS DU VAL

2014 ZINFANDEL
NAPA VALLEY

APPELLATION:	Napa Valley
COMPOSITION:	80% Zinfandel, 20% Petite Sirah
FERMENTATION:	Traditional stainless steel tanks with three punch downs daily
AGING:	14 months in oak barrels, 10% new
ACID:	5.7 g/L
pH:	3.78
ALCOHOL:	14.5%
SOIL TYPE:	Clay loams
AGE OF VINES:	20 years
HARVESTED:	September 9-24, 2014
BOTTLING:	December 2015

WINEMAKER'S COMMENTS

Clos Du Val has been making Zinfandel since its inception in 1972. We continue this great tradition with a wine that is ripe, round, and exciting to the senses. The color is a deep, opulent purple and the nose opens to aromas of fresh baked blackberry pie with classic black pepper notes. It showcases flavors of dark berries, ripe plums, and toasted spice. The textures are smooth and silky with a soft roundness, leading to a long, clean finish. A perfect pairing for grilled or barbequed meats and roasts.

HARVEST

In spite of all the interesting challenges nature handed us in 2014, it will go down in the record books as another year where amazing quality and quantity seemed like an easy task. The year started out with the drought at the top of our minds, but a very welcomed rain storm during bud break set the vines up for great success in the growing season with perfectly timed moisture. The summer had warm, even days which helped along perfectly developing berries. Harvest began in late August, only to have an earthquake rock our worlds half way through picking Sauvignon blanc. The winery was spared any damage, but our Carneros vineyard now has a rather large crack right through the middle. We carried on, like all farmers do, through an even paced harvest that has resulted in amazing color, flavor and textures in the wines that bring us great joy.

HISTORY

Clos Du Val, French for “small vineyard estate of a small valley,” was founded in 1972 in the renowned Stags Leap District. The winery was first recognized for its Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon at the famed Judgment of Paris in 1976, establishing its place as one of Napa Valley’s most iconic winery estates. Still family-owned today, Clos Du Val farms 350 acres of estate vineyards in the Stags Leap District, Carneros and Yountville appellations and continues to craft wines of balance and complexity, showcasing the fruit from the outstanding terroir on which our estate lies.

