



2014  
MERITAGE  
NAPA COUNTY

*Borrowing traditions begun in France, we blend the five traditional varietal wines used in Bordeaux but with California winemaking style and sensibility. Each of these varietal wines adds to the blend: merlot adds lush red fruit character; cabernet sauvignon gives us dark fruit, tannin and structure; cabernet franc lends floral aromatics and complex red fruit with touches of herbs; petit verdot, even in small amounts, offers blue fruit and white flowers. A splash of malbec elongates the juicy mid-palate.*

#### VINEYARD NOTES

Sourced from our Napa vineyards throughout the valley: merlot plantings in Oakville, Rutherford and Oak Knoll; cabernet sauvignon from St Helena and Pope Valley; cabernet franc from St Helena and Pope Valley; petit verdot from Suisun Valley and malbec from Carneros.

#### TASTING NOTES

An aromatic composition of black, red and blue fruit notes. Hints of earthy character—leather and cedar and layered spice notes. The palate shows a juicy blend of blackberry, currant, raspberry and blueberry. Layered within the fruit is a variety of spices—nutmeg, peppercorn & cinnamon. Mocha powder and vanilla accent the tannins. A lingering finish showcases the bright acidity and layered tannins.

#### COMPOSITION

49% merlot, 43% cabernet sauvignon,  
5% cabernet franc, 2% petit verdot & 1% malbec

**APELLATION** Napa County

**BARREL AGING** 20 months in 100% French oak, 35% new

**AGING POTENTIAL** Drink now through 2027

**ALCOHOL** 14.3%

**PH** 3.62   **RS** .91 g/L   **TA** .67 g/100ml

#### RECOMMENDED FOOD PAIRING

Pair this with boysenberry jus poured over a prime rib served with wild mushroom risotto