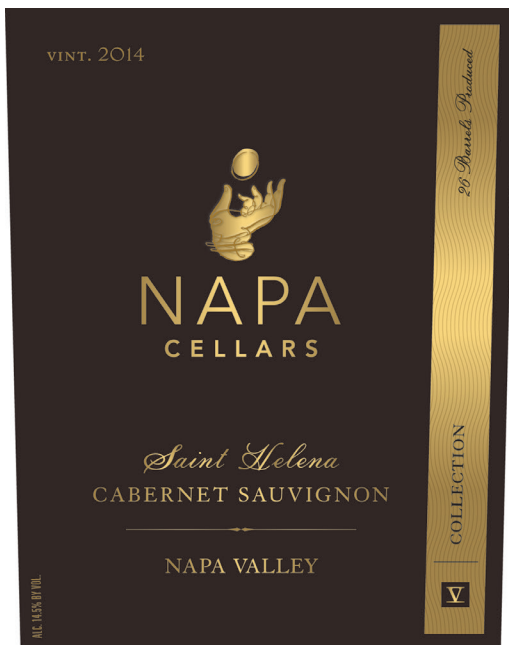




*Napa Cellars embodies the classic Napa Valley style – ripe, rich, balanced and collectible. At Napa Cellars we have the great fortune of sourcing the finest fruit from many of Napa Valley's renowned AVAs, assuring every vintage represents the very best of Napa Cellars. Our **V Collection** wines are limited-production, sub-appellation wines from the Napa Valley that pay tribute to the original five acres upon which our winery was founded in 1968. Each wine is 100% varietally true and captures the essence of each appellation from which it hails.*

Saint Helena
CABERNET SAUVIGNON
NAPA VALLEY
VINT. 2014



Vineyards

The grapes for the 2014 Cabernet Sauvignon come from our vineyard located in the southern portion of the Saint Helena appellation. This vineyard is a level site with deep, loamy soils, good sun exposure and excellent air circulation — the ideal location for producing classic Napa Valley Cabernet. Approximately half of the grapes are clone 337 Cabernet Sauvignon, which provides bright, high-tone red fruit characteristics and firm tannins. The other portion is clone 7 Cabernet Sauvignon, which is described by warm dark fruit characters and a soft plush tannin structure.

Growing Season

Early, even and excellent are three words used to describe the 2014 growing season in Napa Valley. This was especially true in the Saint Helena appellation which generally ripens Cabernet Sauvignon early, relative to other growing areas in the valley. The 2014 season was marked by warm weather and no threat of rain, a dry spring brought early bud break. This created ideal conditions for flowering and fruit set under sunny skies. With the exception of one heat spike in late June, temperatures were consistent, resulting in notably healthy vines, which resulted in a nice amount of hang time and fully ripened fruit.

Winemaker Notes

“Our Saint Helena Cabernet Sauvignon is energetic while full, and chalky tannins lend structure. On the nose, I get ripe blackberry and black currant with savory herbal notes and a mild sage character. The freshness of the herbal notes gives way to rich blueberries, blackberries, and ripe dark fruit with a hint of black pepper. Well-integrated oak and notes of vanilla, coffee and tobacco throughout fully express the tannins yet don't overpower the long, smooth finish.” —Joe Shirley

APPELLATION: SAINT HELENA

COMPOSITION: 100% CABERNET SAUVIGNON

COOPERAGE: 26 MONTHS, 100% FRENCH OAK (75% NEW)

ALCOHOL: 14.5%

T.A.: .58 g/L

PH: 3.77

HARVEST DATE: SEPTEMBER 29-OCTOBER 11, 2014

CASES: 3,400