

2014 Cappella

Inaugural Vintage: 2006

Acreage: 6

Varieties: Cabernet Sauvignon, Cabernet Franc, Petit Verdot, Merlot

Soil Composition: Gravelly Loam

Harvest Dates: August 30, September 21, October 2

Production: 12 Barrels

Bottled: December 2016

Release Date: September 2018

The west side of St. Helena is a special place. Spring Creek deposited river rock centuries ago on the west side of St. Helena. Cappella is defined by the alluvial fan adjacent to the creek. Cabernet Sauvignon is framed perfectly by the gravelly loam soil, adding the classic texture and intensity to the wine.

The grapes at Cappella ripen much more individually than at the other three properties. In late August we were able to take most of the Merlot with a small percentage of Cabernet Sauvignon. Nearly three weeks later, the second selection from Cappella was nearly all Cabernet Sauvignon with a small dose of Cabernet Franc. Finally, in early October, the 0.92 acre field planted block of Cabernet Franc and Petit Verdot were harvested with the last of the Cabernet Sauvignon. Of the three fermentations, 12 barrels were selected for the final blend of 72% Cabernet Sauvignon, 16% Cabernet Franc, 8% Petit Verdot, 4% Merlot.