

2014 Madrona Ranch

Inaugural Vintage: 1987

Acreage: 23

Soil Composition: Pleasanton, Gravelly Loam, Bale Clay, Red Aiken

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

Harvest Dates: September 3, 6, 12, 15, 17, 20, 25

Production: 16 Barrels

Bottled: December 2016

Release Date: September 2018

The palate of color is broad at Madrona Ranch. With vine age ranging from 5 to 35 years, four different soil types and various exposures, harvest is long and slow. In 2014, it took a little more than three weeks to scavenge grapes from all corners of this vast 23 acre vineyard. The selection across the property is true representation of the vintage, varieties and the vineyard we call the “home ranch.”

The first grapes harvested from Madrona Ranch came off of eleven different blocks and were fermented together to form the first component of the 2014 final blend. The Cabernet Franc from the upper terraces of the ranch formed the base of the next two picks, amply complemented by Petit Verdot. The final three fermentations featured Cabernet Sauvignon and Cabernet Franc from the base of the ranch. These stalwart old vines add nobility and structure to the final blend of 56% Cabernet Sauvignon, 27% Cabernet Franc, 10% Petit Verdot, 7% Merlot.