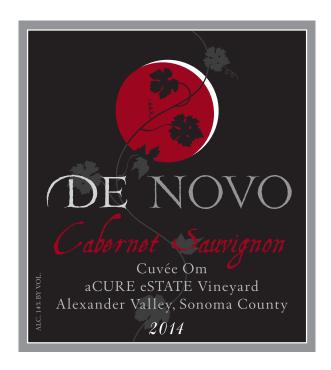


# 2014 CABERNET SAUVIGNON aCURE eSTATE Vineyard



#### WINEMAKER NOTES

This Cab hails from Ron Siegemund's "aCURE eSTATE" Vineyard, located in the hills at the western end of Alexander Valley, an area that enjoys long, sunny days and cool nights, ideal for properly ripening Cabernet Sauvignon. The soil is composed of a sandy, gravelly loam, and the vines tend to be very small. De Novo's four-acre block provides fully mature, densely concentrated fruit. The vineyard and winery are powered by large pivoting solar photovoltaic panels, making the vineyard operations approximately 50% carbon-neutral.

The 2014 growing season allowed this hillside fruit to reach optimal ripeness and balance with the assistance of a favorable "hang-time". These grapes were harvested by hand in the cool of the early morning. At the winery, fermentation was self-initiated with native yeast, supplemented with classic French Red yeast. The increased skin surface area to juice volume ratio of these small-sized grapes lead to enriched flavor development. The wine was finished with aging in 100% French oak barrels.

#### TASTING NOTES

With a deep purple color and gem like clarity, this wine is a concentrated, classic Cabernet Sauvignon. The nose offers up hints of oak and dark berry. The palate continues with multiple layers of dark forest berries, an alluring trace of leather and finishes off with lingering plum. This is a balanced wine with a strong backbone and moderately soft tannins, that can be enjoyed from 2016 to 2030.



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# VINTAGE

2014

#### **VARIETALS**

100% Cabernet Sauvignon

#### **APPELLATION**

Alexander Valley, Sonoma

# **Bottle pH**

3.63

### **Bottle RS**

not detected

# **Acidity**

6.07 g/L

#### **Alcohol**

14%

254 cases produced