



## Sourcing

100% Napa Valley, California

Gratitude of Six Vineyard

## Varietal Composition

95% Cabernet Sauvignon

5% Petite Sirah

## Technical Data

pH 3.79

TA 0.59 g/100mL

RS Dry >0.5g/L

Alc. 15.1%

## Winemaker

Brian Graham



# 2014 THE ROCK DRILL "RESERVE"

NAPA VALLEY, CALIFORNIA

## Background

Our winemaker, Brian Graham, believes that the vineyard is absolutely the most important factor when creating a wine. As he states, "For me, it's the vineyard that determines the quality and a wine's uniqueness. Really every thing I do, it always starts in the vineyards."

The "Gratitude of Six" vineyard is a South-Eastern facing slope ranging from 5-30%, just above the fog line just outside the Coombsville AVA in the Napa Valley. On these very rocky soils, this amazing hill-side vineyard produces small loose cluster fruit of exceptional quality. The cool morning Carneros fog that rolls in each morning in the spring and summer allows the clusters to stay cold each morning but then also benefit from the warm summer heat each day also, this is a very unique aspect not found many places in the Napa Valley.

## Winemaking

Each clone was picked at the peak of ripeness during the early morning hours to preserve maximum fruit expression. They were transported in a refrigerated truck to our winery in Sonoma where the fruit was meticulously sorted, then crushed and sent to stainless cooled tanks to rest and cold soak for 3 days prior to yeast inoculation. Each clone was fermented slowly over 2 weeks with a maximum temperature of 88°F to preserve the color and intense fruit aromas. A averaged total of 22 days on the skins. Aged in a blend of new and lightly seasoned French oak barrels for 28 months. Each varietal was constantly monitored to insure tannin balance was achieved. We used a mixture of several of the best cooperages including: Nadalie, Quintessence and Rousseau.

## Tasting Notes

On the nose, black cherry and blackberry jam wrapped in a elegant perfume of rose petals, crushed clove, all spice and hints of dried pine needle and thyme.

This power driven wine is dominated by blackberry, plum and chocolate mousse with hints of nutmeg, fresh all spice and maple bacon. This signature wine showcases our passion for creating wines of distinction that are built to age gracefully for several decades. This atypical Napa Valley blend is a dense but elegant, multidimensional, well balanced red wine.

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