



# 2014 ODETTE RESERVE CABERNET SAUVIGNON STAGS LEAP DISTRICT



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POINTS



## VINEYARD NOTES

Tucked into the dramatic palisades of the Stags Leap District, our 45-acre vineyard nestled at the base of the striking palisades in the Stags Leap District AVA. The soils consist of Perkins and Boomer gravelly loam providing structure and power, with finessed tannins and a touch of minerality. The Reserve vines date back to 1979 making them some of the oldest in the AVA, and encompassed about 7% of our total production off of the property.

## HARVEST

The 2014 growing season was another year with exceptional warmth and length, affording us the opportunity to pick blocks individually as they achieved their peak of flavor and phenolic ripeness. There were a total of 24 passes across the estate vineyard that spanned a two-week period, enabling each micro-block to be captured at its optimal ripeness. Only three select micro blocks on our 45-acre estate in the heart of the Stags Leap District were used in our 2014 Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon.

## FERMENTATION & AGING

Fermentation took place in small 2-3 ton fully-jacketed stainless steel fermenters after a 48 hour cold-soak at 40°. Maceration lasted 10-16 days at a maximum temperature of 95°. Malolactic fermentation took place in barrel and finished up in late winter. The blend was crafted in the early spring of 2015 and allowed to marry together over the next 17 months. The wine was aged in 100% new French Oak for 22 months.

## IMPRESSIONS

The 2014 Odette Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon, Stags Leap District delivers notes of blackberry liqueur, blueberry cobbler, wild lilacs and incense laced with underpinnings of crushed rocks and graphite. The full-bodied mouthfeel is seamless and riveting, revealing the focused layers of intense dark fruit that collide with an elegant richness and tension that creates an effortlessly endless finish. Enjoy this wine over the next 25+ years.

VARIETALS/BLEND      100% Cabernet Sauvignon

PRODUCTION      18 Barrels

ALCOHOL      15.4%