

2014 STAR LANE CABERNET SAUVIGNON
STAR LANE VINEYARD, HAPPY CANYON OF SANTA BARBARA
\$50



ALCOHOL
14.4%

AGED
22 months

OAK
35% New French

HARVESTED
Aug-Oct 2014

BOTTLED
June 2016

CELLAR LIFE
15-20 years

VINTAGE

2014 continues the trend (since 2012) of limited moisture, marked by warm springs and moderate summers. While 2014's ripening period was earlier and warmer than others - finishing maturity in August/September instead of September/October - grape quality developed evenly. In fact, the hang time from flowering to full maturity was no different than years past as everything started earlier. Limited moisture improves overall concentration and structure in wine. Across our entire portfolio we observe a precision and refinement to 2014 that presents itself as purity and reticence hinting a longevity.

WINEMAKER NOTES

The ripening period in 2014 afforded us consistent, moderate weather. This seems to have promoted wines, highlighting purity of dark fruit, freshness in both herb flavor and tense texture and length. With slightly lower potential alcohols, we extended time on skins to build a bit more structure on the finish. A more elegant version of Star Lane Cabernet Sauvignon, we believe the way this wine has been built should allow it to last for a very long time.

TASTING NOTES

While showing more purity of blackberry and other dark fruits than the 2013, floral qualities in the aromas suggest a young, tight wine. With air and time, more and more complexity emerges from the glass. The volume of flavor from the aromatics is paired with a tense but elegant palate that is driven by freshness and structure more than weight and richness. The finish is long and hints at a long life for this wine.

