



ROBIN K

2014

CABERNET SAUVIGNON

DRY CREEK VALLEY

Production: 900 cases

Especially in the current high-priced environment for all North Coast Cabernet Sauvignon, our Robin K sub-appellated blend consistently over delivers its price point by blending wines from hillside vineyards with low yields and intensely concentrated fruit. Doug Rafanelli's Cabernet blocks in northwest Dry Creek Valley, at the bend of West Dry Creek Road near Lambert Bridge, are the backbone of the 2013 Robin K Cabernet Sauvignon. Small amounts of Dry Creek Valley Malbec, and Cabernet Sauvignon from both the Peterson Vineyard in the very north of Dry Creek Valley and Windsor Oaks Vineyard in the neighboring Chalk Hill appellation, were blended to add bright fruit and complexity, and to sweeten the mid-palate. Finally, a dash of Merlot from Woods Vineyard down the road spices up the affair, making this a true Bordeaux blend. All of the fruit was handpicked and sorted, gently crushed to maximize whole berries in the fermenter, and extracted with both irrigated pumpovers and punch downs at least three times daily. Extended maceration, with the grapes remaining in contact with the skins for up to four weeks, augmented the wine's structure and depth. The master blend was racked quarterly during aging in French oak, approximately 30% of it new, for fourteen months. No fining was employed prior to bottling.

Aromas of black cherry and ripe blackberry are scented with strawberry, violets, and black plum. Flavors explode on the palate, supported by firm but supple tannins and an elegant acidity. The balance of the wine makes it extremely versatile, pairing equally well with salads and cheeses as well as grilled vegetables and roasted red meats.

Brix at harvest: 24.3% (average)

Bottling pH: 3.79

Bottling T.A.: 5.7 g/L

Alcohol: 14.5% by volume

Bottling residual sugar: 0.07% by weight (dry)

Aging: 14 months in French oak, with 35% new oak

