

# DARMS LANE

*Napa Valley*



## 2014 LINDA'S HILLSIDE CABERNET SAUVIGNON, NAPA VALLEY

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**VINEYARD:** The Estate Linda's Hillside Vineyard is located in the southwestern bench lands of Napa Valley, in the Oak Knoll District appellation. The prime hillside vineyard on the Darms Lane estate is named in honor of Linda Bump co-owner of Darms Lane who passed away in 2007 from Ovarian Cancer. It is the finest wine we make – a tribute to her.

**APPELLATION:** Oak Knoll District of Napa Valley

**GROWING SEASON NOTES:** The 2014 vintage started out slightly earlier than normal with bud break in late March for the Cabernet Sauvignon. Temperatures were unusually even and a bit warmer for the first half of the growing season leading to expectations of a very early harvest. Things cooled down to near or just below normal for August and into early September allowing the grapes to slowly approach their peak. A nice warming trend in early September slowly pushed the grapes toward ripeness allowing us to pick our first Cabernet on September 24<sup>th</sup>. The first week of October was ideal with plenty of sunshine and temperatures into the low 90's bringing harvest to a brilliant conclusion on October 8<sup>th</sup>.

**VARIETAL:** 100% Cabernet Sauvignon

**WINEMAKER:** Brian Mox

**BARREL AGING:** 21 months in Oak – 50% New (100% French Oak)

**WINEMAKER TASTING NOTES:** Our finest 2014 wine offers raspberry, cherry, vanilla, aromas with hints of mocha and chocolate. On the palate is plush and rich flavors of dark and red fruit with subtle hints of mocha. Fine tannins on entry, well-structured mid-palate with supple, rich tannins for the finish. We recommend some cellaring and decanting through 2021, it should peak 2023-2028 and continue to age.

**PRODUCTION:** 76 cases

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