



PLUMPJACK

WINERY

2014 PLUMPJACK ESTATE CABERNET SAUVIGNON, OAKVILLE, NAPA VALLEY, CALIFORNIA

VINTAGE

2014 was a vintage to remember. We saw an unseasonably warm and dry winter, which resulted in budbreak about three weeks earlier than normal. The temperatures remained warm throughout spring bringing early bloom. The summer months brought ideal weather, which gave our grapes some time to develop flavor without rapidly accumulating sugar. We saw a heat spike in September that sent some vintners scrambling, but we held fast and our grapes made it through in great condition, and the result was wines with great beauty, depth, and grace.

FERMENTATION & AGING

The Estate grapes were cold soaked for a period of 2-4 days and then fermented up to a maximum temperature of 94 degrees. The wines from each block on our Estate developed incredible tannin, color, and flavor concentration in a very short time, and the wines were drained off the skins after a total maceration of only 7 – 12 days. The wine was then racked to barrel to undergo malolactic fermentation and to age. This wine was aged in 80% new French Oak barrels. The coopers used were primarily Sylvain, Taransaud, Nadalie, and Seguin Moreau. The cooperage is a blend of medium-plus and heavy toast barrels from a variety of forests. This blend of coopers, forests, and toasts lends the wine more layers and aromatic complexity.

WINEMAKER IMPRESSIONS

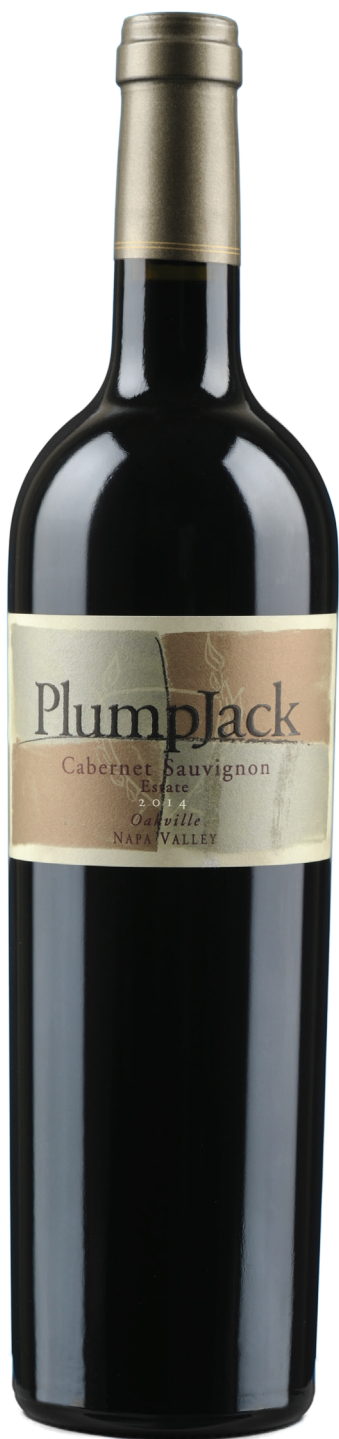
“Early” was the theme in 2014. Though early, the growing season was exceptional and the quality of the fruit was outstanding. Aromatically expressive, this wine delivers notes of black cherry, ripe raspberry, and hints of sage and clove. On the palate, layered flavors of Bing cherry, chocolate, mocha, vanilla bean, and warming spice round out this rich and balanced wine. The 2014 vintage is beautifully structured and is full of energy – elegantly smooth tannins and vibrantly firm acidity make this wine ideal for drinking now or cellaring for 10 – 15 years.

VARIETALS/BLEND 95% Cabernet Sauvignon, 5% Petit Verdot

PRODUCTION 6500 cases

ALCOHOL 15.6%

HARVEST DATES October 3rd – 14th, 2014



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POINTS

