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## 2014 SODA CANYON RANCH MERLOT, NAPA VALLEY

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### TASTING NOTES

#### APPEARANCE

Slightly opaque scarlet red

**AROMAS** Black cherry, roasted meat, wet soil, raspberry jam, mocha, loose pipe tobacco, dried blueberry and brioche

**PALATE** Velvet entry, structured mid-palate, mouthwatering, bright cherry, blackberry, vanilla flavors and an enticing texture

**FINISH** Integrated tannins, elegant, juicy with a long finish and return

#### AGEABILITY

2032 given proper cellaring conditions

**PAIRINGS** A savory beef short rib bourguignon or wild mushroom risotto

### NOTES FROM THE VINEYARD

Record-breaking dry conditions continued in 2014. The only significant winter precipitation we received at Soda Canyon Ranch occurred in late February and early March. Lack of rainfall coupled with a very mild spring led to an earlier than normal bud break and bloom for Napa Valley vineyards. Despite an early and warm start, the summer remained quite mild, with very few heat events and only three days of triple-digit highs. These conditions allowed fruit to mature and ripen slowly leading to wonderful concentration and depth of flavor. Harvest began on August 29 and the final grapes were picked on September 6. The 2014 vintage will be remembered for the warm and arid weather that provided conditions conducive to producing wines of exceptional quality.

### VINEYARD

Soda Canyon Ranch Estate Vineyard

### HARVEST DATES

August 29 – September 6, 2014

**COMPOSITION** 79.7% Merlot, 8.3% Cabernet Sauvignon, 7.9% Cabernet Franc, 4.1% Petit Verdot

**ALCOHOL** 14.4%

**BARREL AGING** 13 months

**BARRELS** 30% new, 30% once-used, & 20% older French oak; 20% stainless steel tanks

### RELEASE DATE

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