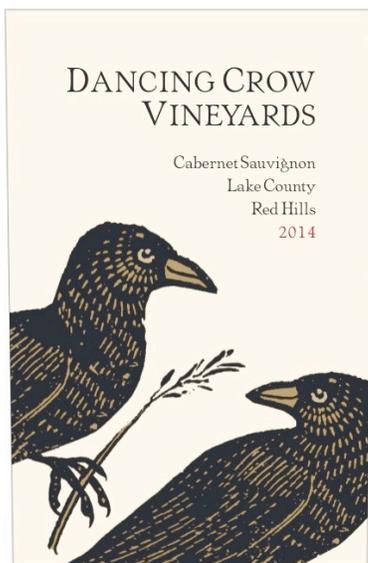


DANCING CROW VINEYARDS

2014 Red Hills Cabernet Sauvignon

The 2014 Red Hills Cabernet vintage was notably warm, with an exceptionally dry summer, leading to an accelerated harvest. The quality of the grapes exceeded expectations, showing dark color, ripe tannins and concentrated flavors. The vintage was acclaimed by growers and winemakers alike as being of high quality, and regarded as one of the best in recent memory. The Cabernet Sauvignon harvest began almost two weeks ahead of schedule due to the early ripening, but once winemaking began, the grapes showed off their distinctive and complex mountain fruit flavor profiles, which make the Red Hills such an ideal place to grow Cabernet.



The winemaking for this vintage focused on tempering the firm tannins of the Red Hills by blending cool climate Merlot from Mendocino with the peppery, dark-berried accents of Napa Valley Petite Sirah. The wine was cellar aged for 14 months and saw six months of French oak. The final blend for the 2014 Dancing Crow Vineyards Cabernet Sauvignon is composed of 86% Red Hills Cabernet, 9% Mendocino County Merlot and 5% Napa Valley Petite Sirah.

The Land

The Red Hills AVA of Lake County is located in the northern Mayacamas Mountains, along the southwest edge of Clear Lake. At elevations of over 2100 feet, the vineyards of the Red Hills have a distinctive deep red soil speckled with black obsidian, quartz crystals and volcanic gravel. The appellation is the result of ancient and ongoing volcanic influences due to its proximity to the North Coast Magma Pocket, which created many of the well-known hillside regions of the North Coast. The

addition of elevated daytime temperatures moderated by cool afternoon airflows creates ideal conditions for both excellent ripening and proper acid retention. Ultimately, the abundant sunshine, volcanic hillsides and dynamic climate of the Red Hills AVA create a mountain fruit Cabernet, with deep color, balanced structure and complex flavors.

Winemaker's Tasting Impressions

A uniquely-styled Cabernet from the Red Hills of Lake County. Opening with dark berry and mocha aromas, the palate soars high and bright with a great lift of cassis and sandalwood flavors. The acidity gives a breath of freshness that propels on to a prolonged, toffee-edged finish. This Cabernet is an embodiment of the land it comes from, displaying classic, dark red fruit and spice flavors supported by supple, velvety tannins.

Varietals: 86% Cabernet Sauvignon 9% Merlot 5% Petite Sirah	Appellation: Red Hills AVA, Lake County Elevation: 2100 ft. Alcohol: 14.3% Titratable Acidity: 6.0 g/L pH: 3.68
Aging: 6 months French Oak (25% new)	
Bottle Date: October 29 th 2015	

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