



# ALPHA OMEGA

## ERA 2014

Napa Valley

ERA, Alpha Omega's flagship wine, represents the highest level of dedication to handcrafting a wine which serves as the confluence of Old World traditions and New World techniques. A blend of Cabernet Sauvignon from eight award-winning and historic Napa Valley vineyards, ERA is handcrafted and barrel-fermented with its natural wild yeast, neither fined nor filtered. The result is a wine with the perfect balance of depth, intensity and elegance.

### WINEMAKER NOTES

*"Balanced and elegant wines were the hallmarks of the 2014 vintage, a rock star crop similar to 2012 in terms of the characteristics. The weather was near perfect, and, for the first time, there was no effect of the drought on the vines which by now were accustomed to the dry spring. Harvest began early and by mid-August even the Cabernet Sauvignon had ripened, thus protecting the acidity of the wines. We had some heat spikes that delayed the phenolic ripeness and forced us to push extraction quite hard. The ripeness was there, but the color and tannins really took time to come out. ERA 2014 is powerful but with great structure. The acidity level is high and supports the great extraction of a warm, dry vintage providing gigantic density and fruitiness."*

-Jean Hoeffliger



COLOR	deep, dark black ink with hints of ruby on the rim
ON THE NOSE	powerful expression of cedar, black currant, violet and blackberry with touches of clove and cumin lingering on minerality and anise
ON THE PALATE	soft, velvety entrance with touches of dark cherry, blueberry and clay finishing on thyme and pie filling
BLEND	89% Cabernet Sauvignon, 6% Cabernet Franc, 3% Petit Verdot, 2% Merlot
FERMENTATION	100% barrel fermented
AGING	22 months in French oak; 60% new and 40% 1-year-old barrels
VINEYARDS	Beckstoffer Missouri Hopper and Beckstoffer To Kalon in Oakville, Beckstoffer Las Piedras and Beckstoffer Dr. Crane in St. Helena, Newton in Spring Mountain, Thomas Vineyard in Rutherford, Sunshine Valley Vineyard in Oak Knoll District and Stagecoach Vineyard in Atlas Peak
CASE PRODUCTION	900
ALCOHOL BY VOLUME	14.8