



ALPHA OMEGA

Petit Verdot
Beckstoffer Dr. Crane Vineyard
St. Helena
Napa Valley
2014



WINEMAKER NOTES

Balanced and elegant wines are 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. 2014 red wines are powerful but with great structure. Patience was the key to this vintage.

ABOUT THE VINEYARDS

Napa pioneer Dr. George Belden Crane originally planted Dr. Crane Vineyard in 1858. During the 1920's it was the site of St. Helena's Chinatown. The land was acquired by Andy Beckstoffer in 1997 and replanted in 1998. The vineyard's location on the west side of St. Helena gives the vineyard its gravelly, loamy soils.

ABOUT ALPHA OMEGA

Established in 2006, Alpha Omega's mission is to create artisanal wines drawing on Old World vineyard handcrafted practices and emphasis on unique terroir driven characteristics that reveal a sense of place combined with New World technology and science. The family-owned, boutique winery in the heart of Napa Valley on the Rutherford Bench is honored that its estate is considered one of the top wineries in the region.

ON THE NOSE

Cedar with touches of chocolates with black pepper, grenadine, violets

ON THE PALATE

Full, round entrance evolving on a big tannic frame with freshness, touches of blueberry jam, blackberry, blackcurrant jelly

BLEND

100% Petit Verdot

FERMENTATION

100% barrel fermented

AGING

22 months in French oak with 80% new, 20% 1-year-old barrels