



## 2014 ANDRONICUS RED WINE NAPA VALLEY

### *Vintage*

Coming on the heels of 2013, which had been heralded the “vintage of the decade”, 2014 certainly had a lot to live up to. One of the driest winters on record for California, most of the rainfall came in February and March and was quickly followed by warm soil temperatures. Fast spring growth set the valley off and running, in some cases seeing bud break and veraison almost 2 weeks ahead of schedule. The lack of major heat spike, allowed for longer hang times and (coupled with higher degree days and drier soils) increased concentration and complexity. The 2014’s will go down in history as the best of the stellar 12-13-14 vintage string, and one with higher than average yields and exceptional quality.

### *Vineyard*

Our family vineyard, located on the valley floor just north of St. Helena on the Silverado Trail, possesses well-drained, sandy, alluvial soils and is characterized by its ability to produce complex wines with well-defined fruit flavors, gentle acids and naturally balanced tannins. The Cabernet Sauvignon vines vary in age. They were most recently planted between the years 1996 to 2001 and are a combination of the 337 and See clones. Further north, our Ehlers Lane Vineyard consists of a stony, dry streambed and a knoll composed of thin gravelly soil over hard volcanic ash. Planted entirely to Cabernet Sauvignon these infertile soils produce low yields of grapes with concentrated flavors.

### *Technical Information*

Vineyard Manager:	Eric Titus	Appellation:	Napa Valley
Winemaker:	Phillip Titus	Cases Produced:	610
Blend:	47% Merlot	Bottled:	September 2016
	40% Malbec	Release:	October 2017
	8% Cabernet Sauvignon	Aging:	25% New Oak
	3% Petit Verdot		French, Hungarian, American
2% Cabernet Franc			