

2014 Diamond Selection

CABERNET SAUVIGNON

Cabernet Sauvignon was the first wine produced by Rombauer Vineyards when the winery was founded in 1980. Diamond Selection, first produced with the 1994 vintage, is a reserve bottling representing the best lots harvested each growing season.

VINEYARDS

Fruit for the 2014 vintage of this wine comes from estate vineyards and top grower vineyards in St. Helena (50%), Stags Leap (20%) and Calistoga (30%) AVAs.

WINEGROWING

The 2014 vintage brought a perfect growing season with warm, dry conditions that allowed the fruit to develop full, concentrated flavors. Sustainable farming practices throughout the growing season were tailored to each block with the assistance of aerial photos produced using NDVI (Normalized Difference Vegetation Index) technology. All fruit was hand-picked and sorted in the vineyards.

WINEMAKING

The grapes were carefully destemmed and optically sorted to ensure only perfect fruit made it into the wine. The wine was primarily barrel-fermented to provide a richer, more

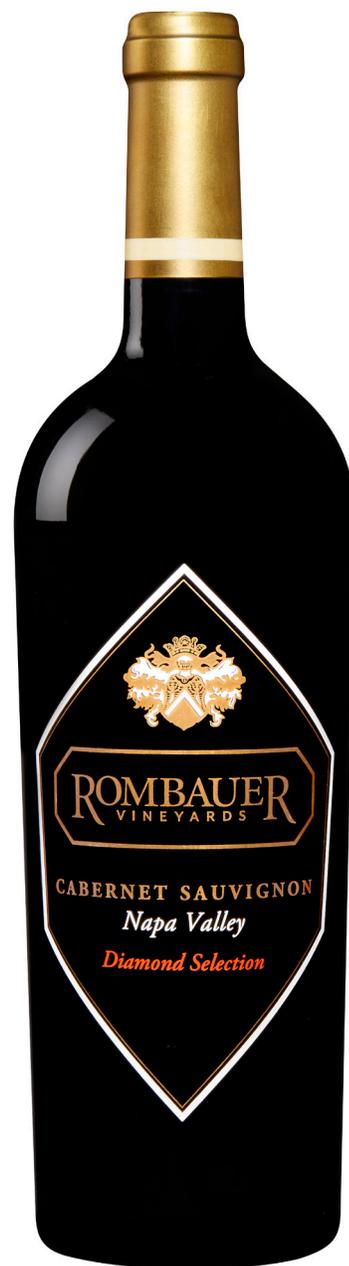
textured palate. The wine was gently basket-pressed before being racked to French oak barrels for malolactic fermentation and aging. The finest lots were carefully chosen and blended to produce the Diamond Selection bottling.

TASTING NOTES

This elegantly balanced wine is deep and dark with a magenta hue. Aromas of blackberry, cassis and black cherry combine seamlessly with sweet notes of milk chocolate, vanilla and tobacco. The palate is ripe and soft, with pronounced black cherry and a hint of cocoa powder. Lush tannins and sweet, subtle oak build on the palate for a long finish.

FOOD PAIRINGS

Our favorite *Joy of Cooking*® pairings* for this wine include Standing Prime Rib (Pgs. 471-472) with Creamed Spinach (Pg. 305).



RELEASE DATE	October 2017	AVERAGE BRIX AT HARVEST	27.0
APPELLATION	Napa Valley	COOPERAGE	16 months in 100% new French oak
VARIETAL COMPOSITION	94% Cabernet Sauvignon 6% Petit Verdot	ALCOHOL	14.8%
HARVESTED	Sept. 17–Oct. 11, 2014		

*Recipes for pairings with a noted page number can be found in the 75th anniversary edition of the *Joy of Cooking*. Recipes not appearing in the book can be found at www.JoyofCooking.com.



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