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## 2014 CABERNET SAUVIGNON

### WINEMAKING NOTES

Our 2014 Cabernet Sauvignon opens with ripe berry aromas of blueberry, strawberry and raspberry. Expressive triple-berry flavors complemented by notes of toasted herbs and coconut unfold on the palate. Smooth tannins with a long fruit-forward finish make this wine an instant favorite. Medium-bodied, supported by a core of food friendly acidity, food pairings are a breeze. Try with an appetizer of 7-layer bean dip with crackers, a cheeseburger with sweet potato fries or simple pork chops on the grill.

### APPELLATION

In crafting our 2014 The Path Cabernet Sauvignon, our winemakers sourced grapes from throughout California's prime grape growing regions. Known for its abundant sunshine, which helps to ensure a reliable extended growing season, the "Golden State" has become an American winemaking mecca on par with the other great wine regions of the world. California boasts nearly 100 American Viticulture Areas (AVAs) that encompass over a half million acres of vineyards, supporting a diverse varietal mix. Cool climate varieties like Chardonnay and Pinot Noir thrive in the fog-bathed coastal areas, while the warmer inland valleys provide the perfect conditions for heartier heat loving varieties like Cabernet Sauvignon, Petite Sirah, Zinfandel and Sauvignon Blanc.

### VINTAGE

With another year in the record books, the 2014 vintage came in at the third-largest grape harvest ever, down eight percent from the previous year. A mild winter and spring with drought conditions persisting, bud break occurred early. From southern to northern California winemakers have stated that it was an even earlier harvest than years before, starting with sparkling grapes in July and ending mid-October for later ripening varieties. Despite the drought, California will produce another great vintage. Arid conditions have given the grapes a chance to struggle, which thins out the vines and allows the clusters to gain concentration of flavor, intensity and complexity.

**BLEND** 95% Cabernet Sauvignon  
2% Petit Verdot  
2% Petite Sirah  
1% Merlot

<b>APPELLATION</b>	California	<b>ALCOHOL</b>	13.5%
<b>VINTAGE</b>	2014	<b>PH</b>	3.62
<b>OAK AGING</b>	10 months	<b>TA</b>	5.9 g/L
<b>OAK SOURCING</b>	50% French Oak, 50% American 60% New, 40% Seasoned	<b>UPC</b>	8 33302 00511 0