



2014 Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon, Russian River Valley



Vintage: 2014
Varietal: 100% Cabernet Sauvignon, Clone 4
Appellation: Russian River Valley
Harvest Date: October, 2014
Bottle Date: August, 2016
Barrel Notes: Aged 22 months in French oak barrels
Production: 337 cases

Vineyard: A lush 3-acre vineyard, in the heart of the Russian River Valley, Tara Bella is among Sonoma County's finest vineyards and wineries. Growing two very distinct cool climate Cabernet Sauvignon clones in alluvial clay: The *Reserve* Vineyard is a Clone 4 Cabernet on the West side of the property.

Tasting Notes: A bold dry Cabernet Sauvignon that proudly expresses the terroir. The vineyard's rich soil variations are clearly evident in the nose. Deep aromas of forest floor and black pepper blend easily with milder aromas of dark chocolate, fresh spices and savory herbs.

Opening notes on the tongue are soft, with the tannins presenting as sour cherry and plum skins. A warm spice undertone then leads you to a sweet blackberry essence with a juicy mixed fruit bouquet. The finish is warm and long. This wine is in its prime but will continue to mature

A highly delectable wine with moderate alcohol content and balanced natural acidity, this is an excellent food wine. You could open it this evening or lay it down for a decade.

Technical specs: Alcohol: 13.4 % / PH: 3.75 / Res Sugar: 0

GOLD Medal: Press Democrat 'North Coast Wine

**Challenge' 96 points
GOLD Medal:**

Past Recognitions from this vineyard

- 2009 **GOLD MEDAL** – 2014 San Diego International Wine Competition
- 2012 **GOLD MEDAL** – 2014 Tasters Guild International Awards
- 2013 **GOLD MEDAL** – 2015 'Critics Challenge' International Wine Competition

CNN special - "Tara Bella Winery - A little bit of heaven" - Aired on CNN in 2005 - available for viewing on our website

Dan Berger, esteemed wine writer – Tara Bella Cabernet Sauvignon is "MUST HAVE" and "HIGHLY RECOMMENDED"