



HOOPES

2014 DANTE'S BLOCK CABERNET SAUVIGNON
OAKVILLE, NAPA VALLEY, CALIFORNIA

"With the outstanding 2014 vintage, we couldn't help but to make a wine in honor of our beloved Dante, the jumping Jack Russell terrier immortalized on our label. Dante was my father's favorite pet, and was well known for protecting the vineyard and bringing out the best in all of us while farming. When a vintage warrants a special reserve due to exceptional quality, we look to Dante for inspiration to make the best possible Cabernet Sauvignon that we can.

This year Dante's Block is a rare showcase of the best rows of our old-vine vineyard. Because of our new approach to small-batch fermentation - which occurs in fourteen distinct lots within our Oakville vineyard - we can determine which blocks are performing exceptionally well in any given year. Anne and Jennifer both grew up as winemakers in Oakville, despite some detours along the way, and have a special connection with the distinctiveness of our land. We have diverse soil series in this area, which results in significant variation in phenolic ripeness. Small batch picking and fermentation allows us to isolate the very best grape clusters within the vineyard with magnificent particularity. We hand selected the best lots to create this special Cabernet Sauvignon just for our most loyal customers. You will never see this wine released to the public."

- Second Generation Proprietor, Lindsay Hoopes

TECHNICAL DATA

Appellation: Oakville, Napa Valley

Composition: 100% Cabernet Sauvignon

Aspect: NW X SE

Soils: Clay Loam

Slope: Elevation 150 Feet

Rootstock: St. George

Clone: Bordeaux Wente

Barrels: 100% French, 83% New

Barrel Aging: 20 Months

Alcohol: 14.9%

PH: 3.74

TA: 6.4g/L

Date Bottled: July 14, 2016

Number of Cases: 143

VINTAGE

"Another drought year, tempered by moderate even weather, has yielded a Napa Valley vintage delivering stunning layers and complexity."

TASTING NOTES

"It is always fun and rewarding to put together Dante's Block Cabernet as it gives us the opportunity to showcase the particular characters that make the Hoopes home ranch special. This wine has a traditional and focused nose with bright red fruits, dried straw, black pepper and mineral notes of hot stones. A more modern story evolves in the mouth with lovely concentration and ripeness. This is a compact and powerful wine with direct focused energy. It finishes memorably with fruity dark chocolate, savory herbs, blackberry and chewy tannins."

- Winemakers, Anne Vawter & Jennifer Rue

