



2014 JOURNEY RED

OUR ESTATE

For the past four decades, Matanzas Creek Winery has focused on creating site-expressive wines. Throughout the years, our initiatives have remained the same: employ a range of vineyard clones, utilize a variety of fermentation vessels, and explore vineyard techniques to produce thoughtfully crafted, balanced wines — which translates to grace and greater expression in our wines.

WINEMAKING

The Journey Red Blend is about balance, inspired by the elegance of the right bank Bordeaux wines from the old world. Every year we choose the best blocks of the vintage and for vintage 2014 our Merlot blocks from Jackson Park were rich and elegant. This has been the second year in which the blend is primarily Merlot driven, going back to our roots of producing a Merlot-based blend. Cold soaked and then fermented at 86°F, the wine was then drained and pressed in small basket presses. Our journey is toward elegance and the quality that we have in this Merlot based-blend is a testament to our vineyards.

WINE PROFILE

Stunning and elegant, the Journey Red offers a plethora of intriguing aromas of fresh boysenberry, blueberry jam, huckleberry, dark roasted coffee and cedar box with light hints of dry tarragon and tobacco leaves. On the palate, roasted coffee evolves into a powdered chocolate truffle followed by a silky, textured finish with impeccable acidity.

VINTAGE NOTES

With 2014 being a dry year, the plants started to develop ahead of schedule compared to normal years. On this vintage sugar numbers were lower at maturity but tannins were matured and soft. Grapes were all handpicked at their optimum time for flavors, color and phenolic maturity. We fermented in wooden tanks, developing a round texture with a lush middle palate.

TECHNICAL NOTES

WINEMAKER
Marcia Torres Forno

COMPOSITION
85% Merlot from Jackson Park (clone 181)
15% Cabernet Sauvignon from Kellogg Block 955

APPELLATION
Sonoma County

ELEVAGE
Aged 663 days in 45% new French oak

ALCOHOL
14.5%

pH
3.58

TA
5.8 g/L

RS
0.04 g/L



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