



## 2014 DESVELADO, BENNETT VALLEY

### 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

Sleepless is a great adjective to describe the culmination of this Bordeaux blend. A blend of Sonoma County's finest Merlot and Malbec demonstrates every meticulous effort along its journey to your glass. Grapes are farmed with great care and harvested when both sugars and tannins are at their optimum. Each vineyard block was fermented separately, monitored and coaxed through primary and secondary fermentations, and transferred to barrel. Merlot, being the main varietal of the blend, provides an elegant armature to support and enhance the elements of the other Bordeaux varietals used to assemble this inky blend. A bit of new French oak rounds out the mouthfeel and adds some vanilla and spice.

### WINE PROFILE

Multi-layered and elegant, the Desvelado showcases aromas of fresh satsuma plum, boysenberry, violet blossoms and fresh cut pomegranate. Savory flavors of tart red cherry, boysenberry bramble, leather and lilac cuttings elevate the midpalate and accentuate the bright, age-worthy acidity.

### VINTAGE NOTES

Starting out as a dry year early in the growing season, 2014 had a particularly dry spring. Consequently, the vines started to develop sooner in the year compared to years past. This vintage, sugars matured a bit slower than phenolics and allowed for good balance of sugar, resulting alcohol, and luscious tannin density.

### TECHNICAL NOTES

#### WINEMAKER

Marcia Torres Forno

#### COMPOSITION

81.3% Merlot,  
10.3% Malbec,  
4% Cabernet Franc,  
3% Cabernet Sauvignon,  
1.4% Petit Verdot

#### APPELLATION

100% Bennett Valley

#### ALCOHOL

14.2%

#### TA

5.9 g/L

#### PH

3.56

#### RS

0.4 g/L



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