

2014 THE GRADE CELLARS "Kingly Project" Cabernet Sauvignon



Variety: 100% Cabernet Sauvignon

Appellation: Napa Valley | Calistoga Sub-AVA

Proprietors: Brenda Mixson & Tom Thornton

Winemaker: Thomas Rivers Brown

Release Date: April 2017

Release Price: \$165 retail per 750ml

Vineyard: Winfield Vineyard (100% Estate Grown)

Old Toll Road, Calistoga, CA

Harvest Date: October 8, 2014

Vines: Block 5 – Clone 337 on R/S SO4

Cooperage: 100% French Oak from Taransaud and Remond (100% new)

Aging: 20 months; Bottle aged 10 months

Panel: Alcohol 14.7%; pH 3.89; Titratable Acidity 5.8 g/L

Production: 100 cases

Winemaker's Tasting Notes:

"It was a prolonged process to choose which barrels we would use for the Kingly Project this vintage due to quality across the board in the Winfield Vineyard being so uniform and excellent. The wine exhibits a completely opaque purple-black core. Aromas of baker's chocolate, lilac, flint, bramble and jasmine exude from the glass. The palate trajectory flows with waves of crushed blueberries, graphite, fresh loam, and rose petal. The tannins are tightly knit and lithe, which proceed to a long, clean finish marked by a mineral freshness that lingers for just the right amount of time.

-- Thomas Rivers Brown, April 2017

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