

2014 Sorella

TASTING NOTES:

As usual Champoux vineyard shines through in this Cabernet Sauvignon dominant blend in all the best ways. Notes of blackberries, red plum and current intermingle with cassis, and hints of minerality. This wine shows true balance from start to finish and lives up to its name as our flagship blend.

Sorella means sister in Italian and the wine was named to honor Chris Camarda's late sister when it was first produced in 1994. The portrait on the label now is Chris' late wife Annie who died in 2005.

VINTAGE NOTES:

The 2014 vintage has a lot of similarities to the 2012 vintage in terms of the style of wines made. They possess a great mid-palate depth and concentration. In similar fashion to 2013 it was another very hot vintage for Washington State. The season started out with a very dry winter, that led into a very warm July (though no major heat spikes) and August. September and October were noticeably warmer than previous vintages which led to a more condensed growing season (typically the temperature drops in Sept and Oct allow for longer hang time without excess sugar accumulation in the fruit). This vintage has produced wines that, despite the heat, maintain an extraordinary level of finesse and balance.

REVIEWS AND SCORES:

(97 Points)...Cassis, smoked earth, graphite and chocolate all emerge from this rich, full-bodied, concentrated, gorgeously layered beauty that has sweet tannin, beautiful purity and a great finish. This is a sensational wine. Jeb Dunnuck - Wine Advocate

(91 Points)...aromas of blackberry, blueberry and licorice. At once silky and penetrating, with the superripe dark berry and violet flavors saturating the palate without leaving any impression of heaviness. Stephen Tanzer - Vinous

(93 Points)...Shows polish and impeccable structure, with smoky red currant aromas and complex, tightly focused black cherry, black tea and spice flavors. Wine Spectator - Tim Fish



Composition: 74% Cabernet Sauvignon, 11% Merlot, 11% Cabernet Franc, 2% Petite Verdot, 2% Malbec

Vineyard: Champoux Vineyard

Appellation: Horse Heaven Hills

Average Age of Vines: 38 years

Time in barrels: 18 months

Bottling Date: April, 2015

Release Date: March, 2017

Total Production: 612/12/750

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