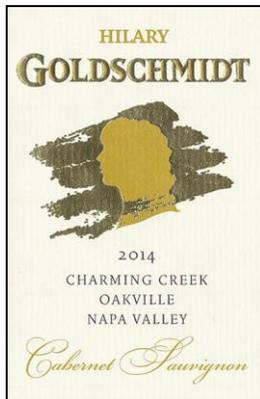


2014
HILARY GOLDSCHMIDT
"Charming Creek"
OAKVILLE
NAPA VALLEY
CABERNET SAUVIGNON



TECHNICAL DATA

Vintage: 2014
Harvest Date: September 25, 2014
Bottling Date: June 22, 2016
Release Date: July 1, 2016
Varietal: 100 % Cabernet Sauvignon
Planted: 1980
Trellis: GDC
Row Orientation: North-South
Soils: sandy loam and bale loam
Rootstock: 1103 Paulsen
Clone: 7
Yield: 3.0 tons per acre
Brix: 25.7
pH: 3.72
Total Acidity: .656
Alc %: 14.5
FSO₂: 25
TSO₂: 104
Aging: 20 months
Barrels: 100% French Oak, tight-grain
25% new
75% 2-3 year old barrels
ML: Full
Fining: No
Filtered: No
Cases Produced: 4,100

The Oakville district is the heart and soul of Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon, where the coolness of the south meets up-valley warmth in perfect equilibrium. Oakville isn't too hot; it isn't too cold. It's just right. That's why Cabernet Sauvignon from Oakville so perfectly expresses the essential qualities of the varietal in deep, complex wines that can last for decades. Charming Creek is located on Route 29 just north of Oakville Cross Rd. The old Clone 7 Cabernet Sauvignon vines here give perfumed aromatics but also silkiness, deep color, power and richness. Also typical of Clone 7, the wines age very gracefully and show good acidity and structure when older. After 10 years this vineyard will still show dark fruits and supple tannins.

VINTAGE NOTES:

Another historic vintage in Oakville, with quality and flavor concentration along the lines of 2012 and 2013. Softer and more luscious than the 2013 and not as tightly wound. Warm spring rains set everything up for a near ideal growing season and relieved most of the vine stress. Summer weather showed no heat spikes but slightly warmer evenings. There was a six week period of perfect conditions: a high around 85°F and a low around 55°F. Harvest came a little earlier than usual but went very smoothly. We picked gorgeous fruit with classic varietal expressions and nicely focused flavors.

TASTING NOTES:

Violet-black; rich and intense with black currant, raspberry, and blueberry aromas. Shows blackberry, boysenberry, and red raspberry flavors. Full-bodied and smooth mid-palate with baking spices in the finish.