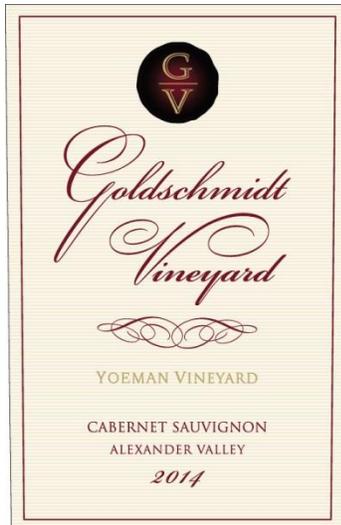


GOLDSCHMIDT VINEYARD

2014 ALEXANDER VALLEY **YOEMAN** CABERNET SAUVIGNON



TECHNICAL DATA

Appellation: Alexander Valley

Vineyard: Yoeman Blocks 43, 44

Vineyard Elevation: 282' – 325'

Varietal: 100% Cabernet Sauvignon

Clones: Jackson, Jenkins

Avg. Vine Age: 35 Years

Harvest: Hand-Picked on Sep 19th

Yield: 2.3 tons per acre

TA: 6.5 g/L

pH: 3.68

Alcohol: 14.5%

Filtering: Un-fined & Unfiltered

Aging: 32 Months, Taransaud Allier
Tight Grain, 85% New

Cellaring Potential: 15 Years

Cases Made: 709 six-packs

Goldschmidt Yoeman Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon comes from a small mountain vineyard just south of the town of Geyserville. This terraced vineyard slopes to the southeast and is comprised of well-draining, glacial loam. Soft morning sun promotes slower grape maturation and longer “hang times” in this secluded micro-climate. Planted in 1988, it is made up of two very old field selections which allow for more diversity in the clusters. Upon achieving full ripeness, they vary in size, acidity, and flavor profile. One shows more red fruit and the other more black fruit characteristics. Such plant diversity grants more complexity within the site. *Yoeman* is a low input vineyard with very low yields and is typically picked 2-3 weeks later than our Oakville vineyards. Rarely do vineyard conditions afford a winemaker the opportunity to make a wine such as this. With its multi-layering and pronounced “grip,” Nick Goldschmidt pushes the stylistic boundary of Alexander Valley Cabernet.

VINTAGE NOTES:

Another exceptional vintage in Alexander Valley with outstanding color and flavor development. Ripe, black fruit characters and great concentration. An easygoing growing season got off to an early start and was moderately warm all year. A warm, relatively dry spring through April and May produced very even flowering and fruit set. We were a little worried in midsummer that sugars were ahead of flavor development, but cool weather in September stalled ripening. The nights stayed cool—low 50s. Yields were smaller than the previous two vintages, but overall, quality was great, with nice, ripe aromas and flavors.

TASTING NOTES:

Deep mahogany; packed with raspberry and ripe black fruit characters expanding into mint and toasty oak aromas. On the palate, black cherry and plum layers weave seamlessly through the red tobacco and earthy overtones. Full-bodied and nicely balanced. Soft mid-palate with velvety tannins. Finishes with espresso bean.

Nick Goldschmidt
WINEMASTER