



2014 Las Posadas

HOWELL MOUNTAIN, NAPA VALLEY

When Las Posadas was planted in 2002, we matched the specific varieties to the site, considering the soil, exposure and 2000' elevation. We also relied on our knowledge of the iconic Howell Mountain wines produced in the 80's and 90's. Cabernet Sauvignon was the popular selection but we believed that Cabernet Franc, Petit Verdot and Merlot could redefine the area. The small amount of Malbec intensifies the blend from this high elevation, wooded site. Today, all five varieties combine to create a wine that exceeds all notions and expectations of Howell Mountain.

The picks at Las Posadas usually span the entire harvest. In 2014 we began early, with Malbec and small amounts of the other four varieties followed closely by another selection, this time with more Merlot and Cabernet Franc. We waited nearly three weeks before the final two tanks were filled. One fermentation was based around Cabernet Franc and Petit Verdot while the other was nearly all Cabernet Sauvignon. The 13 barrels selected are a final blend of 53% Cabernet Sauvignon, 21% Cabernet Franc, 14% Petit Verdot, 6% Merlot, 6% Malbec.

INAUGURAL VINTAGE:	2006
ACREAGE:	33
SOIL COMPOSITION:	Red Aiken
VARIETIES:	Cabernet Sauvignon, Cabernet Franc, Petit Verdot, Merlot, Malbec
HARVEST DATES:	September 8, 16 October 6, 7
PRODUCTION:	13 Barrels
BOTTLED:	December 2016
RELEASE DATE:	March 2019
WINEMAKER:	Brad Grimes
PROPRIETOR:	David Abreu