



# FRANCIS COPPOLA DIRECTOR'S

ARTISTIC EXPRESSIONS OF SONOMA COUNTY

*"What's amazing about Sonoma County is that it's one of only a few appellations in the world that offers a diverse range of microclimates that can accommodate both cool climate varieties such as Chardonnay and Pinot Noir as well as warm weather varieties like Cabernet and Merlot."*

*—Corey Beck, Director of Winemaking*

## 2014 DIRECTOR'S CABERNET SAUVIGNON

APPELLATION:..... Sonoma County	BARREL REGIMEN:..... 55% French oak, ..... 45% American oak; 20% new barrels
BLEND:.....78% Cabernet Sauvignon, .....8% Petite Sirah, 5% Merlot, .....5% Zinfandel, 4% Cabernet Franc	RELEASED:.....March 2016
ALCOHOL:.....13.5%	

### HISTORY

When the Coppola family opened the doors to their wine and food destination in Sonoma County, California they wanted to create a series of wines that harness the uniqueness of Sonoma County. The Director's family of wines is our winemaking team's artistic interpretation of that vision.

*Director's* is comprised of four classic varieties, which are grown in diverse vineyards across the expanse of Sonoma County. By blending the fruit from a variety of geographic climates we're able to create wines that offer lush, ripe fruit flavors, a light silky texture and soft, supple tannins—elegant wines that demonstrate Sonoma County's unique character and style, and are designed for immediate enjoyment.

### VINTAGE

2014 saw one of the earliest harvests in recent years. Early budbreak brought on by mild winter temperatures was followed by an uncharacteristically warm spring. Continued summer heat resulted in early ripening, with white grapes ready for harvest in August, followed by red varieties reaching maturity shortly thereafter.

Our Cabernet was harvested with tremendous concentration and a beautiful balance of fruit and tannin structure.

### WINEMAKER NOTES

Since our Director's wines are blends of grapes grown throughout the appellations of Sonoma County, we are able to develop great complexity thanks to the many different microclimates and terroir variations found in this region. Our 2014 Cabernet Sauvignon combines selections grown in several different vineyards, each representing a varied climate and distinctive soil composition that influence the fruit in a unique way.

### TASTING NOTES

Our 2014 Director's Cabernet Sauvignon offers a ripe core of fruits that include blackberry, cherry and cassis as well as warm spices nuances. Dark and succulent with medium density, a balanced palate and a nice integration of wood, this wine is very fragrant and captures the essence of the vintage. Pairs well with grilled lamb chops, barbecued spareribs or French lentils.



—COREY BECK, WINEMAKER