

FRANCIS COPPOLA RESERVE

NIMBLE VINEYARD • DRY CREEK VALLEY

2014 SYRAH



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The connection between a vine and the soil creates the essence of a wine. Francis Coppola Reserve wines are vineyard-specific creations produced in limited quantities from distinctive sites in Sonoma County. Corey Beck hand-selects the best lots of fruit from each vintage that capture the unique qualities of these prestigious vineyards. From these selections we craft small-batch wines which are reserved exclusively for winery guests, wine club members, and those who shop with us online.

THE LABEL

The artwork of film production designer Dean Tavoularis graces the labels of our FC Reserve wines. Tavoularis met Francis Coppola during the making of *The Godfather* and the two artists have continued to collaborate over the years on a variety of creative projects, including more than a dozen films and the design of the Francis Ford Coppola Winery in Sonoma County.

THE FRUIT

Located in the Dry Creek Valley appellation, Nimble Vineyard, formerly Wallace Creek, is situated in a well-wooded, picturesque area where rolling hills offer the ideal terrain for mountainous, higher elevation vineyards. The alluvial silt and clay loam soils in this region have a high level of organic matter, which works to accentuate the dark jammy fruit flavors of Syrah. The hills here shield the vineyards from the Pacific's cool coastal influence, which helps maintain an ideal ripening temperature of 85 degrees. Even though it's warm during the day, fog makes its way into the valley each evening to cool the vineyards back down. This pattern prolongs the growing season so that the grapes mature slowly for more concentration.

THE WINE

2014 is another outstanding year for California wine. Across the board, the fruit demonstrates good texture and density along with intense aromatic properties. Our 2014 Nimble Vineyard Syrah offers juicy freshly picked fruit expressions and a pronounced earthy character. There is ample tannin and structure to support the rich, luscious flavors of raspberries, blackberries, and cherries. Notes of leather and tobacco mingle with exotic spice nuances reminiscent of incense and sandalwood. With the longevity of the flavors on the finish, this wine leaves a lasting impression.

Appellation	Dry Creek Valley
Blend	96% Syrah, 4% Petite Sirah
Alcohol	14.7%
Aged	17 months;
	40% new French oak
Cases	1057

Corey Beck, Winemaker

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