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2014 Archimedes New Vintage!

Alexander Valley

79% Cabernet Sauvignon, 21% Malbec

92+ Points – *The Wine Advocate* **Double Gold** – *Wine Spectator Magazine*

Crafted for the true connoisseur, Archimedes is produced in very limited quantities from the vintage's most impressive lots of Cabernet Sauvignon. The 2014 vintage offered an outstanding crop of extremely high-quality fruit with tremendous concentration due to persistent dry, warm weather. Extracted and textural on the palate with ample tannin structure, the initial perfume is redolent of baked boysenberries, violets, and Mexican cocoa. Lush, spicy flavors of blackberries, black plums, and currants are accented by mineral expressions of graphite. As the wine opens up, red fruits begin to emerge along with notes of anise and smoky oak. This vintage is a true beauty, complex and dramatic with great length.



2014 I Mille New Vintage!

Rockpile

100% Petite Sirah

Gold, 91 Points – *2017 Critics Challenge International Wine & Spirits Competition*

In 1860, one thousand men undertook a dangerous sea expedition led by Giuseppe Garibaldi leading to the collapse of the Kingdom of the Two Sicilies, and the unification of one nation. One of the thousand volunteers was Francis's Great Grandfather, Francesco Pennino. To commemorate their brave actions, each man was given a certificate signed by Giuseppe Garibaldi. As our own tribute to these men, we have enclosed a reproduction of this certificate for you to keep as a memento. We invite you to lift your glass and pay homage to the red shirts that changed history.

Full of ripeness, the resulting wine is exceptionally balanced because of its solid structure. Full-bodied, dark, and inky this powerhouse Petite Sirah offers rich flavors of black currants, boysenberries, and cherries, along with notes of mocha and espresso. There's great complexity here and the flavors keep evolving as the wine opens up, making our 2014 I Mille extremely compelling.



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2016 Cyrano

New Release!

Sonoma County

91% Grenache, 8% Mourvèdre, 1% Syrah

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2016 Sofia Blanc de Blancs

Monterey County

70% Pinot Blanc, 15% Riesling, 15% Muscat

2016 Sofia Blanc de Blancs offers an alluring perfume and fresh notes of white peaches, mangoes, orange blossoms, and honey. With interplay on the palate of gentle sweetness and crisp citrus verve, the light character and delicate effervescence of this wine finishes with a trace of minerality and a subtle hint of lime. It's beautiful as an aperitif and perfect for pairing with hors d'oeuvres and light fare.





2015 Director's Great Movies Merlot

Sonoma County and Monterey County

100% Merlot

Gold, 94 Points, Best of Class – 2017 Los Angeles International Wine & Spirits Competition

Gold, 92 Points – San Francisco International Wine Competition

This beautiful 2015 Merlot drinks with concentrated complexity. With an intensely perfumed nose of boysenberries, cherries, and cloves touched by a spiced shortbread note, the aromas are consistent with its vivacious flavor expressions. Silky in texture and juicy on the palate, there are rich notes of raspberries, mocha, and gingerbread that enliven the long, toasted oak finish. This very versatile Merlot pairs well with robust meat dishes like hickory smoked barbecue, creamy vegetables, and smoked cheeses.



2014 Director's Cabernet Sauvignon

Sonoma County

78% Cabernet Sauvignon, 8% Petite Sirah, 5% Merlot, 5% Zinfandel, 4% Cabernet Franc

Double Gold – 2017 San Francisco Chronicle Wine Competition

Gold, 91 Points – Sommelier Challenge

Our 2014 Director's Cabernet Sauvignon offers a ripe core of fruits that include blackberry, cherry, and cassis as well as warm spice 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.



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California

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Sonoma County and San Luis Obispo County

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This Cabernet offers big, bold flavors and a dramatic finish. Rugged tannin structure and fragrant oak frames luscious flavors of black raspberries, blueberries, and plums that are woven between notes of tobacco, incense, and baking spices. There is intensity to the fruit with vivid aromas and a generous, velvety palate that is weighted and complex as a result of this impressive vintage. The hint of floral and graphite that unfurls on the finish makes this Cabernet even more enticing. Pair this beast with lamb kabobs, short ribs, creamy Gorgonzola pasta, or other hearty dishes.



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Sonoma County

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Our 2014 Director's Merlot offers lushness and a round, full palate. Its fragrance demonstrates red and black fruit with hints of anise and spiced wood. Juicy upon entry, the wine broadens and becomes velvety on the palate with flavors of plum, loganberry, and black cherry, accentuated by subtle spice notes of espresso bean and toasted vanilla. Medium tannins support the body of this wine, offering sophistication in its finish. Pair this wine with brisket, grilled pork chops, or linguine with pesto.



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From its vibrant fragrance of cranberries, black cherries, nutmeg, vanilla, and oak, to its racy palate that opens with red raspberries and plums, the silky flavors of this Pinot Noir carry through to the midpalate and finish with delicate nuances of clove and dark roasted coffee.



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