



STORIBOOK
MOUNTAIN
VINEYARDS

2014 Napa Estate Antaeus

Winemaker notes:

Antaeus, the son of water and earth in Greek mythology, is the symbol of strength derived from the soil. So too this wine, deriving strength from the matching of site and grape on every part of our land. The intensity derived from red clay soils is here in full, while the coolness of our site provides the acid balance so essential to a wine's grace and longevity.

Tasting notes:

"Starting out with an exuberant and succulent mix of ripe cherries and blackberries that is confidently carried forward in the composed and concentrated young flavors that follow, this successful marriage of varieties shows indelible Zin character yet goes a step or two further in range with its own unique brand of fruity richness. It is a big wine, but it is also nicely controlled with the firm tannic structure of one that is destined to age into even better over time." **91 points** *Connoisseurs' Guide to California Wines*

Vineyard:

Occupying a mountainside at the head of the Napa Valley, Zinfandels were first planted here in 1883. It is a grape unusually well adapted to the red clay loam soils, eastern exposures and microclimate of our hillside estate. Yet there are hills and hollows on our land (the cooler exposure of a north facing hill for Cabernet, moister soils rich in clay for Merlot, etc.) that are every bit as appropriate for the Bordeaux varieties. The vines are hand tended, from pruning through picking. The crop is severely regulated, with two green harvests in May and August, to maintain just the right amount of grapes on each vine, averaging 2 to 2.5 tons per acre. No insecticides or herbicides have been used in all these years, and we are now CCOF certified organic growers.



Vintage: 2014

Appellation: Napa Valley, Estate

Alcohol: 14.9%

Varietals: 52% Zinfandel, 27% Cabernet Sauvignon, 11% Petit Verdot, 10% Merlot

Harvest: August 29 – October 3

Cooperage: 15 months
French and American Oak

Bottled: January, 2016

Production: 500 cases