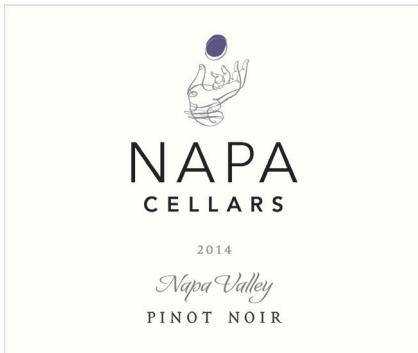




*With more than 40 years of winemaking heritage in California's most fabled wine region, Napa Cellars embodies the classic, unmistakable style of Napa Valley. Veteran winemaker Joe Shirley crafts our wines from estate vineyards and coveted partner sites throughout Napa's most revered sub-appellations. Meticulous care in the vineyard, coupled with gentle winemaking techniques, ensures our wines reflect the quality and richness of Napa Valley's terroir.*

**2014  
NAPA VALLEY  
PINOT NOIR**



**VINEYARD**

Grapes for the Napa Cellars 2014 Pinot Noir were sourced exclusively from premier vineyards in the southern part of Napa Valley, including Oak Knoll and Carneros where the San Pablo Bay creates a cool, maritime climate. Morning fog rolls across the vines, ushering in the cool breezes ideal for growing delicate, flavorful Pinot Noir. The vines here produce complex, layered fruit that translates to an earthy minerality and exceptional natural acidity in the glass.

**CLONAL SELECTION**

Dijon (667, 777, 115, 828, 113, 114)  
Classic clones (Pommard and Swan)

**HARVEST**

The 2014 growing season was another remarkable vintage for all varieties across Napa Valley. Exposure to late fall rain was largely avoided, thanks to one of the earliest harvests on record in the region. Although much of the fruit had already been picked by late August, a significant earthquake struck Napa on August 24, leaving growers and vintners with some unexpected twists during harvest season. Overall, the early harvest ensured optimal ripeness and excellent flavor development in the vineyard, and great depth and complexity in the glass.

**WINEMAKING**

Once harvested, the grapes were carefully sorted, de-stemmed and gently crushed. During a 7 to 9 day maceration period, délestage—the process of removing the grape seeds and allowing the juice to remain in contact with the skins—was employed. This technique helped to release the aromatic character of the fruit, enhance the color of the wine, and create soft, round tannins. Following fermentation, the wine was aged in 100% French oak barrels for 10 months.

**WINEMAKER NOTES**

The Napa Cellars 2014 Pinot Noir is an elegant wine that delivers beautiful aromas of black cherry, cola, earth, spice and dark caramel. Abundant flavors of cherry pie, dark fruit, toasted pie crust and dried herbs are framed by rich vanilla notes on the palate. This well-structured wine has balanced acidity and a long, lingering finish. For a decadent meal, pair this Pinot with garlic and herb roasted pork tenderloin, followed by dark chocolate mousse for dessert.

<b>WINE INFORMATION</b>		
<b>APPELLATION:</b> Napa Valley	<b>COMPOSITION:</b> 100% Pinot Noir	
<b>AGING:</b> 10 months, 36% new (100% French oak)		
<b>ALCOHOL:</b> 14.2%	<b>T.A.:</b> 0.55 g / 100ml	<b>PH:</b> 3.69
<b>HARVEST DATE:</b> September 2014		<b>RELEASE DATE:</b> October 2016
<b>CASES:</b> 23,432 (12-pack cases)		