

CLUB CRUSH PREMIER *December Shipment (#4 - 2017)*

FORMAN VINEYARD 2014 CABERNET SAUVIGNON NAPA VALLEY

Forman Vineyard is a small estate property that has been owned and operated by winemaker Ric Forman since 1983. Hillside vineyards surround the European style winery, which is perched on a ridge at the base of Howell Mountain and is overlooking the town of St. Helena. The winery is ideally situated to allow aging in deep, underground caves.

Four Bordeaux varieties, all grown on the rocky slopes below and above the winery, are produced to achieve an elegant wine with remarkable consistency and finesse and always shows identity to the prized growing site.

Read more at www.formanvineyard.com

TASTING NOTES: A weightless, translucent wine, the 2014 Cabernet Sauvignon exudes class. Vibrant and finely sculpted, the 2014 possesses striking nuance from start to finish. Scents of lavender, rose petal, mint and sweet spice notes give the 2014 its brightness and sense of energy. Today, the 2014 is a bit compact relative to how it showed from barrel. I expect the wine will put on a bit more weight during its aging. Readers should plan on cellaring the 2014 at least a few years. Even today, though, the 2014 is a very pretty and pure wine.

Composition: 75% Cabernet Sauvignon, 15% Cabernet Franc, 5% Merlot, 5% Petit Verdot

Production: 800 cases

Regular Price. . . \$119.99 CLUB CRUSH PRICE. . . \$107.99



KEENAN WINERY 2013 CABERNET FRANC SPRING MOUNTAIN DISTRICT, NAPA VALLEY

Robert Keenan Winery is located near the top of Spring Mountain District, high above the beautiful Napa Valley. The Keenan estate is set on the site of a defunct turn of the century winery renovated by Robert Keenan in 1974. The mountain estate is comprised of 48 acres of vineyard, and a historic stone winery. Keenan has been producing wine since 1977, and is known for making small lots of intense, concentrated Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Cabernet Franc, Chardonnay, and Zinfandel.

Read more at www.keenanwinery.com

TASTING NOTES: One of Napa Valley's most successful Cabernet Francs, Keenan's 2013 Cabernet Franc, is 100% estate Cabernet Franc from their holdings on Spring Mountain. Beautiful blue- berry and raspberry fruit interwoven with spring flowers jumps from the glass of this wonder- fully balanced and elegant, yet authoritative wine. It is rich, medium to full- bodied, but at the same time ethereal and finesse-oriented. This is a great example of Cabernet Franc at its best, intense, but elegant. This should last for at least another decade.

Composition: 100% Cabernet Franc

Production: 1,030 cases

Regular Price. . . \$68.99 CLUB CRUSH PRICE. . . \$62.09

