



Diamond Plus!

# MACAULEY VINEYARD

## 2014 Cabernet Sauvignon

Napa Valley



Mac Watson was born into a family who loved wines, and at an early age he discovered the ultimate joy of wine pleasure. This experience took place when he was just fourteen years old at the hallowed grounds of Chateau Lafite Rothschild in the Pauillac Region of Bordeaux. After tasting several flights of the world renowned wine with his parents, Mac was hooked and knew his future lay in the wine industry. It was this epiphany that would lead him to the ownership of Macauley Vineyard, this month's *Diamond Plus! Wine Club* selection.

The family winery began operation in the early 1980's under the direction of his mother, Ann Macauley Watson, and she successfully ran the operation until her death in 1994 - after which, the label became dormant for some time.

In the summer of 2000, Mac Watson decided to begin working in the wine industry for the prominent winery, Rudd Oakville Estate, and the experience convinced Mac that he should revive his mother's wine label. The following year, the second generation of Macauley Vineyard was born with the release of just 600 inaugural cases.

All of the fruit for Macauley's wines are purchased from select vineyards in Napa Valley, including prestigious sites in Mt. Veeder, Howell Mountain, Yountville, Rutherford, and Oakville. Each of the vineyard properties are on long-term contracts and they provide Macauley Vineyard with tremendous flexibility.

Mac has also teamed up with his childhood friend, winemaker Kirk Venge, to produce Macauley Vineyard's wines. Kirk is the son of legendary Napa Valley winemaker Nils Venge who has produced numerous top caliber wines for decades. Kirk is also considered a star among Napa Valley winemakers, and today holds full ownership of his family's Venge Vineyards.

Mac and Kirk make an impressive team and craft some extraordinary wines that honor Mac's mother's original idea. Production is still quite small (this year, Macauley will produce only 1,250 cases), but the plaudits and scores the winery has received are extremely impressive and make Macauley Vineyard a wonderful tribute and Napa Valley winery.

### Accolades and Tasting Notes

**94 Points** - Wine Spectator

A blend of fruit from some of Napa Valley's most important vineyards in its most celebrated appellations, the Macauley 2014 Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon is richly concentrated, extremely well-balanced, and enticingly complex. Dark purple in color, this Cabernet Sauvignon has plenty of creme de cassis fruit, blackberry, and touches of licorice, mocha, incense and gravelly earth that continue through on the long, sustained finish. Aged 21 months in oak. 80% Cabernet Sauvignon, 14% Merlot, 6% Petite Verdot. Enjoy now until 2024.



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