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Vineyards & Winery



Winemaker's Tasting Notes

Scot Covington - Winemaker

Trione 2014 Alexander Valley Cabernet Sauvignon Block Twenty-One

The opinion of many is that 2014 was an excellent vintage. Bud break was early with the warm, dry spring weather. The growing season was mild with development in berry growth occurring earlier than normal. A cool August lengthened out the harvest although we still began picking a week to ten days earlier than usual. With a lighter than average crop load things progressed rapidly and all of the fruit was in the winery by the end of September. Overall the entire vintage can be described as light, early but excellent, another vintage year in Sonoma County.

Cases produced: 630 six-packs

Winemaking: This is a classic Bordeaux-style blend of 85% Cabernet Sauvignon, 9% Merlot and 2% each of Cabernet Franc, Petite Verdot, and Malbec. We hand-harvested and fermented each variety separately, then moved the wines to barrel, where they aged twelve months. Once we determined our blend, we returned the wine to barrel for an additional twelve months, to 'marry' the varietals. We used tight grained French oak barrels (45% new) from coopers Quintessence, Sylvain and Bossuet.

Alcohol: 14.2 percent by volume

TA: 6.9 g/l

pH: 3.49

Tasting Notes: The Trione 2014 Block 21 Cabernet Sauvignon is in a word "Dynamite"! The first impression is soft supple notes of cedar, pipe tobacco and fine leather. Silky and smooth, this wine is a perfect example of tannin and acid balance. It is showing the tremendous quality of the 2014 vintage and the benefits of barrel and bottle aging. This age worthy wine will cellar perfectly for the next 5-10 years.

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Our family is deeply rooted in Sonoma County."*

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