

2014 CABERNET FRANC  
*rutherford*

# *Estate Reserve*

PEJU  
NAPA VALLEY

In 1983, with dreams of raising their young family on a farm, Tony and Herta Peju bought thirty acres of vines in the famed Rutherford district of the Napa Valley. Since then, the Peju family has maintained a meticulous focus on the land, fostering sustainable and environmental consciousness across their five estates. Still family-owned and operated with daughters Lisa and Ariana poised to take the helm, Peju Winery has become an integral piece of the Napa Valley landscape.

## VINEYARD

Peju's Rutherford Estate is home to thirty acres of vines that stretch from Highway 29 to the Napa River. With an emphasis placed on green farming initiatives, our H.B. Vineyard has achieved California Certified Organic status and is planted primarily with Cabernet Sauvignon, Cabernet Franc, and Merlot. The wine produced here is a classic representation of Rutherford, a historic appellation known for wines of great depth, complexity, and longevity.

## VINTAGE

The 2014 harvest has been termed a "dream vintage" regarding quality. In spite of the ongoing drought and the South Napa earthquake, the wines showed great depth of flavor, intense aromatics, and were excellent overall. Well-timed rains in February and March gave much needed water to the vines while emerging from dormancy and through bud break. A mild spring and warm summer provided ideal growing conditions, leading to an early jump on harvest. We look back on this vintage and celebrate our good fortune of another bountiful year with undeniably excellent fruit.

## TASTING

Alluring aromas of ripe red cherry, fresh raspberries and roasted espresso beans captivate the nose of this reserve wine. Lush with opulent layers of flavor the palate offers dark plum, blackberry and currant imbued with sweet tobacco and notes of cassis. With delightfully integrated tannins and a long, round finish this wine is absolutely luxurious. Our 2014 Reserve Cabernet Franc is lovely now and will continue to mature for the next decade.

APPELLATION  
*napa valley*

VINEYARD  
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COMPOSITION  
*95% cabernet franc,  
5% cabernet sauvignon*

COOPERAGE  
*100% french oak,  
85% new*

AGING  
*26 months*

ALCOHOL  
*15.9%*

TA  
*6.2 g/l*

PH  
*3.58*

HARVEST DATE  
*october 2014*

BOTTLING DATE  
*june 2017*

RELEASE DATE  
*september 2017*

CELLARING  
*enjoy now through 2025*

SRP  
*\$145 | \$1740*