

2014 ZINFANDEL  
*napa valley*

In 1983, 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 vineyard, which has grown to include a proactive approach to sustainability and environmental consciousness. That longstanding commitment and respect for the grapes can be tasted with each sip of these balanced and elegant wines. 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 a California Certified Organic vineyard, and is planted primarily with Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot and Cabernet Franc. Persephone Ranch is sustainably farmed and its Pope Valley climate is suited to grow Sauvignon Blanc, as well as Zinfandel, Syrah, Cabernet Sauvignon, Cabernet Franc, and Merlot. Drawing from such varied terroir, the wines exhibit the perfect blend of mountain-fruit focus and Rutherford complexity.

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

Boasting deep fruit flavors, our 2014 Zinfandel exudes aromas of plum, raspberry and cherry tart. Lush and elegant, this irresistible wine exhibits flavors of freshly ground coffee layered with spicy berry compote, cola and hints of molasses. Deliciously balanced with structured tannins, this wine finishes with a deep note of pipe tobacco and wet earth. Our 2014 Zinfandel is wonderful now, but will age beautifully in bottle for another decade.

APPELLATION

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VINEYARD

*persephone, rutherford*

COMPOSITION

*89% zinfandel, 11% cabernet sauvignon*

COOPERAGE

*american oak, 25% new*

AGING

*16 months*

ALCOHOL

*15.5%*

TA

*6.6 g/l*

PH

*3.57*

HARVEST DATE

*october 2014*

BOTTLING DATE

*june 2016*

RELEASE DATE

*may 2017*

CELLARING

*enjoy now through 2019*

SRP

*\$42 | \$504*