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## TOR Cabernet Sauvignon

Napa Valley, Black Magic, 2014

BLEND: 100% CABERNET SAUVIGNON

PRODUCTION: 150 CASES | RELEASE DATE: JANUARY 2017

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### *Vintage*

2014 was the third consecutive vintage of superlative fruit quality. The year began under the drought conditions, but we received two very well timed and high volume rains in February and March that provided the vines with the hits of water that they needed to kick start the season. Bud-break was perhaps 10-14 days earlier than 'normal' but with a cool spring, the actual flowering was approximately a week earlier than 'normal'. Crop load was good, like 2012 and 2013,

so fruit thinning was essential to quality. Mountain vineyards were ok with one to two thinning passes, where the valley floor sites normally required two or more passes to get a more balanced load. When all the fruit was in, we all looked back on our third straight high quality vintage.

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### *Tor's Note*

Real magic cannot be explained or reasoned. It is astonishing and challenges our imagination. It is in this wine. Here is the essence of Cabernet Sauvignon, black as a moonless Napa Valley night. It will not be made every year, only those years when we feel a special presence. For Black Magic you need not, should not know more.

### *Winemaker's Tasting Notes*

The 2014 Black Magic is a more than worthy follow up to the 2013, in fact maybe just a touch more dense and rich than the 2013. This again comes from only the best barrels that we have in the cellar, regardless of what that is. This year's version is thick and rich to the absolute limit. In addition to the extreme richness (bordering on thickness) you have an absolute tidal wave of black fruits, mocha, cassis and Christmas spices. The balance is perfect and the finish almost endless. A future legend.

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