



SELENE

2014 MERLOT, FREDIANI VINEYARD, NAPA VALLEY

Release: November 2017; 302 cases (750ml)

**Varietal
Composition:** 100% Merlot

Vineyard: Frediani Family Vineyard, Calistoga

Wine Making: Although 2014 was a drought year, with about half of normal rainfall, the timing of that moisture in February and March was spot on for the beginning of the growing season. Good early starts often lead to good early finishes and harvest was on the early side of normal. Maturity and ripeness were excellent. The wine aged for 16 months in 40% new French oak.

Tasting Notes: Violets, raspberry jam, dark plum, fresh blackberry and blackberry leaf; molasses and caramel, fresh tobacco and sandalwood. In the mouth the flavors have very good impact, intensity, and length; the texture has some chewy density to carry the flavors from initial impact through the finish.