



**2014 DYER Vineyard Cabernet Franc**  
*Diamond Mountain District, Napa Valley*

**Site Description:** Dyer Vineyard is a 2.3 acre vineyard situated on a bench, mid-slope on Diamond Mountain. The exposition is north facing and the slope is 7-10%. The site is probably an ancient land slide- rocky with fine volcanic soil and gravel ranging from ash to richer red soils. The vineyard was planted in 1993 by Bill and Dawnine Dyer.

**Winemaking Philosophy:** For 22 years Cabernet Franc played the supporting role in our Diamond Mountain vineyard, grown exclusively for use in our Cabernet Sauvignon Blend. We've always loved Cab Franc for its steely floral aromatics and quiet power and, in 2013, with a little extra fruit we held back enough Cab Franc for 2 barrels. We liked it so much we made it again in 2014 – it was punched down by hand, pressed, and aged in French oak for a total of 20 months.

**Vintage Notes:** The growing season was defined by a warm spring with enough rain in March and early April to set the vineyards up for good growth. Temperatures during the growing season were warm but not hot- more often in the 80s than 90s. With an early bloom, the growing season was quite long, concluding with harvest on Sept 22.

**Tasting Notes:** High-tone, floral notes of violets and graphite layer with savory notes of sage and rosemary. A full bodied Cabernet Franc, structured and lush.

**Blend:** 100% Cabernet Franc

**Alcohol:** 14.65%  
**pH:** 3.73  
**TA:** 5.65 g/l

**Winemakers:** Bill & Dawnine Dyer  
47 cases produced



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