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Lamborn "The Earthquake Vintage" Zinfandel 2014

100% estate grown Howell Mountain, Napa Valley Zinfandel

2014 was a dream vintage for Napa Valley growers. Harvest was unusually early for Napa's grape farmers across the board. California's ongoing drought finally offered some relief for the stressed vines with rain late in February and early March, setting the vines up for a vigorous start. "Early" was the keyword all season, from bud break to veraison to harvest, and thankfully the hotter months proved to be milder than most expected. 2014 on Howell Mountain produced fruit of outstanding quality, resulting in beautiful wines that tend to be darker and more concentrated than the '12s, but more approachable than the tightly packed wines of 2013.

Winemaker Heidi Barrett's tasting notes:

"Rich aromas of layered raspberry, cherry, pepper and spice are accentuated by multidimensional vanilla, driven by medium toast American oak. The richness fully reveals itself on the palate with a long and lovely mouthfeel that lingers for minutes. The ideal growing season is showcased by this mountaintop Zinfandel, with its seductive red to dark fruit, elegant spice, and perfect balance. Drink and enjoy now, but expect this one to last well over a decade. One of our favorites!"

Winemaker: Heidi Barrett
Appellation: Howell Mountain

Varietal: 100% estate grown Zinfandel

Harvested: September 2, 2014

Cases Produced: 575
Alcohol: 14.9%
Retail price: \$49/bottle