



## 2014 CUVÉE ÉQUITÉ

### NAPA VALLEY

<i>Release Date</i>	January, 2016
<i>Production</i>	9 Barrels
<i>Appellation</i>	Merlot: Coombsville AVA – Farella Cabernet Sauvignon: Calistoga AVA – Kenefick Ranch
<i>Varietal Composition</i>	60% Merlot, 40% Cabernet Sauvignon
<i>Winemaking Team</i>	Seana and Justin Hunnicutt Stephens, Proprietor Kirk P. Venge, Winemaker
<i>Cooperage</i>	Aged for 22 months in 100% French oak, 60% new
<i>Tasting Notes</i>	<p>In Bordeaux, the river Gironde and its tributaries divide the wine growing region into two parts, the Left and Right Bank. The Left Bank focuses on Cabernet driven complexity and structure, think Château Margaux, while the Right Bank is built upon Merlot and produces rich, balanced and inviting wines such as Pétrus. What does all of this have to do with winemaking in Napa? Well, nothing really, we make our own rules, but it has provided a little inspiration for our Cuvée Équité. Much has been written on the fate of Merlot in the US and we think it's time to flip that story sideways and do our bit to revive one of the great varietals of the world.</p> <p>The 2014 Cuvée Équité is brooding and rich with dark black and blue fruit and classic Merlot hints of leather and tobacco, paired nicely with light toasty vanilla notes and hints of spice, gifted from the French oak. The palette is driven by voluminous blackberry and blueberry notes and is lent elegance by a Cabernet driven mid palate and finish with supple fine grained tannins.</p> <p>This wine is dedicated to all those who hold equity in our dream and help to make this pursuit of ours possible. Share with those who do the same for you. The 2014 vintage is showing an appealing intensity in its youth which portends a long life ahead. Enjoy now with a long decant, or for a softer elegance, cellar for 5-7 years.</p>
<i>Other Hunnicutt Wines</i>	HUNNICUTT 2014 Chardonnay, 3-Barrel Select HUNNICUTT 2013 Cabernet Sauvignon, Calistoga AVA, <i>Kenefick Ranch</i>