

DALLA VALLE  
*Vineyards*



2014 MAYA

2014 was a generous vintage in several respects. The season was mild and sunny, resulting in fruit with ample concentration, juicy flavors, and supple, velvet-smooth tannins across varieties. Each and every block of our estate vineyard yielded distinctive components, allowing us great flexibility and creativity in our blending. As always, the fruit was meticulously handled at harvest time, and our careful controlling of the fermentations, pressing, and *elevage* ensured that each bottling captured the essence of the Dalla Valle *terroir*.

The 2014 Maya, a blend of our finest Cabernet Sauvignon and Cabernet Franc, is dark, dense, muscular, and refined. While still distinctively focused, the wine is all about fruit intensity, with a rush of red fruit and exotic spice aromas rising from the glass—fresh bing cherry, dried currant, cardamom, fenugreek, cocoa and cinnamon. Mainly one is struck by the sheer purity of the wine, its seamless impression from start to finish. The tannins are highly structured but finely polished, and while there is plenty of girth and scaffolding to help the wine age for a very long time, the length is very impressive, carrying the shiny velvet sensation on for quite a while. This vintage of Maya will easily age for two decades or more.