

IF SIX WAS NINE

CABERNET SAUVIGNON

RESERVE, NAPA

2014



Grapes: 92% Cabernet Sauvignon, 6% Merlot 2% Cabernet Franc

IF SIX WAS NINE is the Estate's take on a Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon varietal wine. However, being from Bordeaux it's difficult to live with just one variety! So a little Merlot is blended in to help the middle palate and Cabernet Franc to provide just that extra bit of lift.

Viticulture: From 2013 the grapes are sourced from all over the Napa Valley, including Rutherford, where the fruit is grown on the valley floor where the expression of Cabernet Sauvignon reigns supreme.

Vinification: Vinification is very similar to those wines that are made in France. After sorting – firstly by bunch and then, after the de-stemmer, grape by grape, a long cold soak before fermentation occurs. The wines undergo their malolactic fermentation in new and one or two year French oak, and are aged in the same oak.

Anything Unusual: IF SIX WAS NINE is The Estate's biggest production from Napa. This is classic Cabernet Sauvignon from that variety's Californian heart. As Robert Parker says about the wine "Time to turn on the music"!

94 PTS, JAMES SUCKLING "Aromas of berries, stones and light coffee follow through to a medium to full body, integrated tannins and a chocolate, walnut and berry aftertaste. Linear and focused. Nice tension. Better than 2013. Drink or hold."