

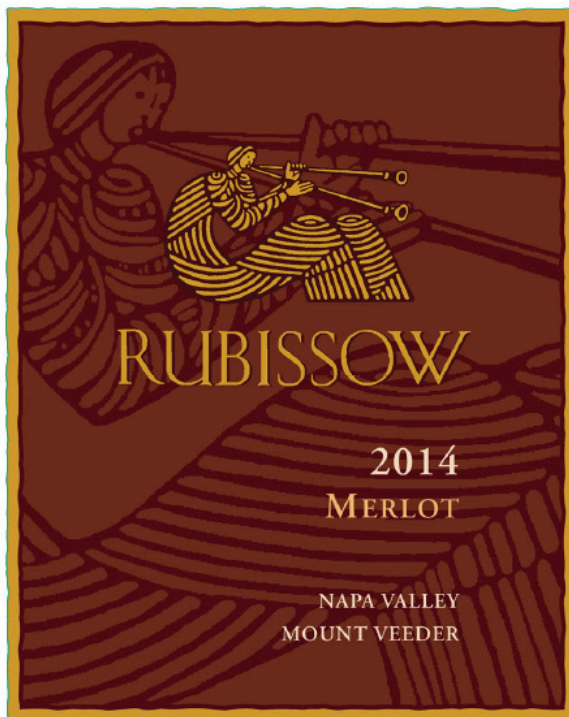
## 2014 MERLOT

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2014 was another banner year at Rubissow Estate. The earth and sky happily conspired to produce grapes with incredibly rich, expressive flavors and vivacious aromas.

There's no beating around the bush here. The '14 Merlot is an honest old-world statement of deliciousness. The wine gets straight to the point. It's Merlot as it's supposed to be - grandly flavorful and delightfully layered with flavors that are bright, rich, smooth and satisfying.

Fresh raspberry tones greet the palate, immediately followed by unctuous layers of plum, blackberry, cherry and cocoa. The aromatics are sweet and full of earth, fruit and spice.



At the same time the wine is noticeably smooth. The wine's tannins are round, ripe, and though youthful, smooth and silky. Quite unusual for such a young wine, but thanks to a long "cold soak" during the fermentation in tank, and an extended maceration time, the wine developed a softness that has become one of winemaker Timothy Milos' trademarks.

We've said it before. We'll say it again. Merlot can often be made in a super-ripe style that obscures the varietal complexity and rich subtleties of this splendid varietal. But at Rubissow, our mountainside Merlot vineyards produce exceptionally complex and distinctive Merlot, displaying qualities more in common

with small-batch Cabernet Sauvignon than with the lush Merlot we often expect in California.

Cheers Friends, -Peter Rubissow

### RUBISSOW - 2014 Merlot

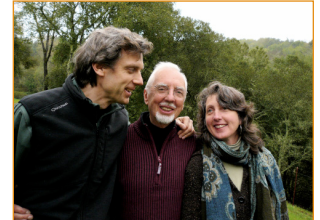
- 100% Merlot
- Unfined and unfiltered
- 20 months in barrel.
- **134 cases made**
- ALC. 14.5%
- Drink now through 2025

### WINERY FACTS

#### VINTNERS

Second generation

- Peter Rubissow
- Ariel Rubissow-Okamoto



#### WINEMAKER:

Timothy Milos



#### ANNUAL PRODUCTION:

- Rubissow Wines: Under 1000 cases
- Lola Kay Wines: 4000 and growing

#### VINEYARD SOURCE:

Rubissow wines are 100% Mount Veeder, Napa Valley  
Lola Kay is sourced from amazing estates across California.

#### WINEMAKING STYLE:

Modern, expressive, elegantly rich and exceptionally complex.

#### BARRELS:

Rubissow: 100% Premium French Chateau New Oak.  
Lola Kay: French and American oak for the reds. Stainless Steel for the Sauv Blanc

