

## 2014 CABERNET FRANC

*napa valley*

In 1983, with dreams of raising their young family on a farm, Tony and Herta Peju bought thirty acres of vines in the famed Rutherford district of the Napa Valley. Since then, the Peju family has maintained a meticulous focus on the land, fostering sustainable and environmental consciousness across their five estates. Still family-owned and operated with daughters Lisa and Ariana poised to take the helm, Peju Winery has become an integral piece of the Napa Valley landscape.

### VINEYARD

Peju's Rutherford Estate is a California Certified Organic vineyard, and is planted primarily with Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot and Cabernet Franc. The winery's two additional properties, located in Pope Valley and Calistoga, are both sustainably farmed. At Persephone Ranch in Pope Valley, the climate is suited to grow Sauvignon Blanc, as well as Zinfandel, Syrah, Cabernet Sauvignon, Cabernet Franc, and Merlot. Drawing from such varied terroir, the wines exhibit the perfect blend of mountain-fruit focus and Rutherford complexity.

### VINTAGE

The 2014 harvest has been termed a "dream vintage" regarding quality. In spite of the ongoing drought and the South Napa earthquake, the wines showed great depth of flavor, intense aromatics, and were excellent overall. Well-timed rains in February and March gave much needed water to the vines while emerging from dormancy and through bud break. A mild spring and warm summer provided ideal growing conditions, leading to an early jump on harvest. We look back on this vintage and celebrate our good fortune of another bountiful year with undeniably excellent fruit.

### TASTING

Rich and juicy, our 2014 Cabernet Franc offers aromas of ripe blueberry, raspberry, current and cranberry with complementing subtleties of juniper and sweet cigar box. Thoroughly delicious and wonderfully balanced on the palate with juicy cherry, blackberry and violet flavors, this wine is bright and round with well integrated, mouth-filling tannins. Supple and elegant, this wine is brilliant now and will continue to mature for the next 5- 7 years

### APPELLATION

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### VINEYARD

*rutherford estate, persephone*

### COMPOSITION

*96% cabernet franc,  
4% cabernet sauvignon*

### COOPERAGE

*40% new, french and  
american oak*

### AGING

*18 months*

### ALCOHOL

*14.8%*

### TA

*6.5 g/l*

### PH

*3.59*

### HARVEST DATE

*october 2014*

### BOTTLING DATE

*may 2016*

### RELEASE DATE

*october 2016*

### CELLARING

*enjoy now through 2024*

### SRP

*\$65 | \$780*