

Alta means “height” in Spanish and perfectly describes the mountainside site of Alta Vineyard in the Atlas Peak district of Napa Valley. The dramatic estate sits at 1700 feet above the Valley and provides fruit for owners Fred and Nina Oliai’s own limited Alta releases. Here, warm daytime temperatures are moderated by early shading and breezes from both San Francisco Bay to the south and the Delta to the east. Optimal conditions for growing intense, focused Cabernet Sauvignon based wines.

Vintage 2013 represents the inaugural “Quatreaux” release. It is a blend of four classic Bordeaux varietals grown on the mountainsides of four exceptional Napa Valley estates. All the grapes were harvested on the same day. The Cabernet Sauvignon came off our own Alta Vineyard; the Merlot from Stagecoach Vineyard, the Cabernet Franc from Sugarloaf Mountain, and the Petit Verdot from Greenwood in Calistoga.

The four varietals, each at peak ripeness, were co-fermented with native yeasts in an open top tank, giving us this sublime, medium body meritage. The Merlot and Cabernet Sauvignon are the backbone of this wine, bringing rich texture and supple tannins with beautiful floral notes and dark, ripe berry aromas. The Cabernet Franc has harmonized and stretched out the tannins for a long finish, while also supporting the floral and fruit aromas with hints of tobacco. The Petit Verdot further extends the floral infused bouquet of the wine. After fermentation, the wine was aged for twenty months in French oak, of which 75% was “new wood” and 25% second year. Only 450 cases were produced.



90 Points - Pre-Release Barrel Sample

“The 2013 Proprietary Red Blend Quatreaux possesses a floral-infused, boysenberry, blueberry and raspberry-scented bouquet, a cool climate character, medium body and excellent elegance as well as finesse. It should drink well for a decade or more.” *- Robert Parker, Fall 2014 issue*

VINEYARDS

Appellation: Napa Valley
Vineyards: Alta, Stagecoach, Sugarloaf, Greenwood
Cepage: 38% Cabernet Sauvignon, 35% Merlot,
18% Cabernet Franc, 9% Petit Verdot
Soils: Decomposed Granite, Shaly Loams
Climate: Region II (UCD), Cool to Moderate
Harvest: October 2013
Sugars: 26.0 Brix average

WINE

Winemaker: Fred Oliai
Alcohol: 14.7%
Acidity / pH: 5.70 g/L / 3.80
Oak Aging: 20 months French oak, 75% new
Production: 450 cases
Release: Spring 2015
Winery Retail: \$54

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