



# LA STELLA

## LA SOPHIA 2014

### *The Winemaker's Notes*

La Sophia is our small lot 100% Cabernet Sauvignon bottling. Akin to the great examples of Cabernet Sauvignon from the coastal areas of Tuscany: Maremma and Bolgheri. Similarly, La Sophia draws a comparison to the great cabernets from Washington State rather than the plusher and fatter examples from Napa Valley.

2014 La Sophia like past vintages continues to wow right off the bat. The colour is deep purple and opaque. It presents a great nose of cassis and elderberry mingling with cigar box, dusty pottery studio notes, dry sauna, grilled anaheim peppers and fermented tobacco leaves. On the palate, there is great weight, firm and chewy tannins with balanced natural acidity. Decant for an extended time or keep your hands off and let this jewel of a Cabernet slumber in the cellar for at least a few years.

#### FOOD PAIRING:

Herb crusted rack of lamb is a winning pairing.

### *The Details*

Grape Variety:	100% Cabernet Sauvignon
Region:	100% North Oliver (extension of Black Sage Bench)
Vineyard:	U2
Soil Origin:	Glacio fluvial
Soil Type:	Silt and gravel mix/alluvial deposit and sand; the site's geology is very complex and varies from row to row
Age of Vines:	29 years old
Yield:	3 tons/acre
Production Size:	75 cases
Alcohol:	14.50%
Clarification:	Unfined, lightly filtered
Aging:	18 months in French oak barrels, 67% new, 33% second fill

