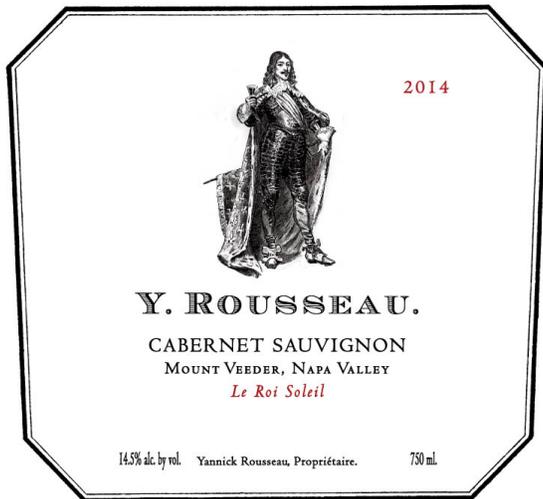


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2014 CABERNET SAUVIGNON *Le Roi Soleil* Mt. Veeder, Napa Valley



Story: Called “the smallest and most unique appellation in the Napa Valley” by Wine Spectator, Mount Veeder features some of the steepest and most remote vineyards in all of California. The appellation’s volcanic soils and 1500 ft plus elevation create perfect conditions for growing grapes thanks to lower temperatures compared to the Valley floor and longer sun exposure. As a result, grapes ripen later and are deeply and intensely flavored.

Tasting note: The goal for our winemaker Yannick Rousseau in his Mount Veeder Cabernet is to create a perfect balance between freshness, good tannic structure, and ageability. 2014 was a mild growing season, without any heat spikes, allowing the grapes to ripen evenly. Our Cab from that vintage has intensity, precision, radiant freshness, and vibrancy. Fresh fruit (black cherries, plums, blackberries) dominate the nose, while earthy undertones, hints of leather, tobacco, and cocoa powder add to the complexity. We suggest pairing it with delicious beef steaks, braised beef short ribs, boeuf bourguignon, aged cheeses, and flavorful meatballs.

This Cab is very drinkable now but will definitely win from a good decant. Or cellar for 15-20 years. **209 cases**

Vineyard: South-eastern exposure parcel in the sustainably farmed vineyard at 2,000 ft elevation in Mount Veeder AVA.

Winemaking: 90% Cabernet, 5% Merlot, 5% Tannat. Fermented using 50% native yeasts. Barrel-aged for 20 months in French oak, of which 80% is new.

Alcohol: 14.5% **pH:** 3.65

Robert Parker Wine Advocate | Dense ruby / purple, attractive blueberry and blackberry fruit with camphor and charcoal, the wine is medium to full-bodied, moderately tannic and a well-made mountain Cabernet to drink over the next 12-15 or more years. (December 2016)

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