



KAPCSÁNDY FAMILY WINERY
2014 VINTAGE REVIEWS

2014 Cabernet Sauvignon – Grand Vin – 99 Points

Extremely floral and complex on the nose with cedar, blackberries, blueberries, tobacco, stones, mushrooms... I'm simply running out of words here! Full to medium body and a tight and compact center palate. This is complete and dense. Extremely long and energetic. Drink in five years but a joy to taste. One of the best ever.

- *James Suckling, May 2017*

2014 Cabernet Sauvignon – Grand Vin – 99 Points

Lastly, the 2014 Cabernet Sauvignon Grand Vin State Lane Vineyard is one of the gems in the vintage. I continue to find a Latour-like quality in this cuvee and the 2014 boasts a deep purple color, killer notes of lead pencil, charcoal, scorched earth, crushed rocks, and loads of dark fruits. Medium to full-bodied, elegant yet concentrated, impeccably balanced and with a big finish, hide bottles for 3-4 years and enjoy over the following 2+ decades. This cuvee is 95% Cabernet Sauvignon and 5% Merlot that was brought up in plenty of new oak, and there are roughly 700 cases produced.

- *Jeb Dunnuck, December 2017*

2014 Cabernet Sauvignon – Grand Vin – 98 Points

A powerful, tightly-wound wine, the 2014 Cabernet Sauvignon Grand Vin is likely to require the better part of the next decade to come into its own. The most backward and brooding of these wines, the Grand Vin is also quite primary and closed in on itself. Still, the energy, drive and focus of the best vintages is very much in evidence. Today, the 2014 is dense, seamless and utterly impeccable, with no hard edges, beautifully integrated oak (100% new) and exceptional balance.

- *Antonio Galloni, December 2016*

2014 Cabernet Sauvignon – Grand Vin – 96 Points

Always an exceptional cuvee, there are 900 cases of the 2014 Cabernet Sauvignon Grand Vin, which is 95% Cabernet Sauvignon and 5% Merlot. In 2015 there were 700 cases. This wine is even softer than the 2015, perhaps slightly less concentrated, but still at the top of the qualitative hierarchy in Napa Valley, with its terrific purity, nose of licorice, camphor, forest floor, blackcurrant and cedar wood. It is gorgeously fruited, full-bodied, but super-well-balanced. This is a beauty that can be drunk early, or cellared for another 25-30 years.

- *Robert Parker, Jr., October 2016*

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**2014 Roberta's Reserve – 98 Points**

Love this merlot. Violets, roses, incense, and currants come to the fore on the nose. Full body and ultra-fine tannins that are so polished and integrated they become seamless and incredibly beautiful. Long and flavorful finish. Drink or hold. Long life ahead but who can wait?

- *James Suckling, May 2017*

**2014 Roberta's Reserve – 96+ Points**

The 2014 Roberta's Reserve comes across as quite soft and sensual in this vintage, with less of the drive that is such a signature of the other wines here. Today, my impression is that the 2014 will drink well with minimal cellaring, but it has less structure than some of the surrounding vintages as well as the other 2014s. This is an especially laid back, almost translucent wine from Kapcsándy. It will be interesting to see what the future brings. A dollop (3%) of Cabernet Franc rounds out the blend.

- *Antonio Galloni, December 2016*

**2014 Roberta's Reserve – 96 Points**

Made from 97% Merlot and 3% Cabernet Franc, the deep ruby/purple-colored 2014 Merlot Roberta's Reserve is another terrific Merlot, and my money is on it being the best example of this variety in the Valley. Blackberries, dried herbs, earth, and loads of chocolate give way to a full-bodied, opulent 2014 that has silky tannin, incredible purity and a great, great finish. It too will keep for 15-20 years.

- *Jeb Dunnuck, December 2017*

**2014 Roberta's Reserve – 95 Points**

There are 650 cases of the 2014 Merlot Roberta's Reserve, a blend of 97% Merlot and 3% Cabernet Franc, in contrast to the tiny 350 case production of the 2015. The wine offers sexy, black chocolate notes along with cocoa, mocha, black cherry and blackcurrants. It has full-bodied texture, sweet, well-aerated tannin and a long, generously endowed finish. It should drink well for another 20 years.

- *Robert Parker, Jr., October 2016*

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2014 Rapszodia – 97+ Points

The 2014 Rapszodia, Kapcsándy's Cabernet Franc/Merlot blend, is once again utterly compelling. Cabernet Franc aromatics soar from the glass as this majestic, stunningly beautiful wine shows off its pedigree. Vivid, nuanced and finely sculpted, the 2014 hits all the right notes as the flavors and textures build into the huge, enveloping finish. This is the most impressive showing yet from the 2014. Here, too, interplay of richness and energy makes for a captivating wine.

- *Antonio Galloni, December 2016*

2014 Rapszodia – 97 Points

The 2014 Rapszodia is the Saint-Emilion based cuvee of the estate (their reference is Ausone) and it's 65% Cabernet Franc and 35% Merlot in 2014. Its deep purple color is followed by a thrilling bouquet of black cherries, currants, lead pencil shavings, spring flowers and a distinct minerality. As seamless, elegant and layered as they come, with fine, fine tannin, this full-bodied beauty will drink nicely for 15-20 years.

- *Jeb Dunnuck, December 2017*

2014 Rapszodia – 97 Points

Fascinating aromas of rose petals, stems, ash and cherries follow through to a full body yet a tight and compact mouthfeel, giving this a wonderfully linear and polished finish. Such a long and beautiful finish. Cabernet franc and merlot. Drink or hold.

- *James Suckling, May 2017*

2014 Rapszodia – 95 Points

The 2014 Rapszodia Proprietary Red is a completely different blend than the 2015, although Cabernet Franc still dominates at 65%, with the balance Merlot. Production was essentially the same as 2015 for this wine because of the Merlot component. A gorgeous nose of forest floor, dark, ripe raspberries and blueberries with white flowers jump from the glass of this wine, which

is essentially a Napa version of a great Cheval Blanc from the Bordeaux St.-Emilion appellation. The wine was aged in 85% new French oak and shows terrific texture, a pristine, pure flavor profile and a long finish with no hard edges. It should drink well for 15-20 years.

- *Robert Parker, Jr., October 2016*

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**2014 Estate Cuvée – 97 Points**

From a vintage loved by the estate (they consider 2015 more California in style and 2014 more Bordeaux-like), the 2014 Estate Cuvée State Lane Vineyard is another beautiful wine from Kapcsandy. A blend of 72% Cabernet Sauvignon, 19% Merlot and 9% Petit Verdot brought up in 80% new French oak, it offers an elegant, seamless style as well as classic Cabernet note of blackcurrants, spice-box, dried earth-like minerality and background oak. With full-bodied richness, ultra-fine tannin, no hard edges and a beautiful sweetness to its fruit, enjoy this beauty anytime over the coming 20 years.

- *Jeb Dunnuck, December 2017*

**2014 Estate Cuvée – 96 Points**

Very fresh aromas of violets, stones and sweet tobacco follow through to a medium body, fine and integrated tannins and a beautiful finish. Undertones of walnuts. A super 2014. Elegant yet structured. Drink or hold.

- *James Suckling, May 2017*

**2014 Estate Cuvée – 95+ Points**

The 2014 Estate Cuvée is vibrant, intense and beautifully delineated. Super-expressive aromatics and finessed tannins give the 2014 its exceptional balance. Tasted next to the 2013, the 2014 feels like it has more freshness, brighter acidity and a bit more energy as well, which may be partly attributable to the slightly higher percentage of Cabernet Sauvignon in the blend and a touch less new oak as well. That is of course splitting hairs, as both wines are superb, but I find the energy, tension and vibrancy here is absolutely compelling.

- *Antonio Galloni, December 2016*

**2014 Estate Cuvée – 93 Points**

The 2014 Estate Cuvée State Lane Vineyard is a blend of 72% Cabernet Sauvignon, 19% Merlot and 9% Petit Verdot aged in 80% new French oak. It is soft, round, juicy, front-end loaded, sexy and lush. The wine's gentle tannins and overall plush, forward style with chocolate and blackcurrants in abundance, as well as a touch of oak, make for a sensual wine to drink over the next 15 or more years. To give an example of how big 2014 was compared to the 2015, there are 450 cases of this cuvee made in 2015 and 730 in 2014.

- *Robert Parker, Jr., October 2016*

