

# Singer Cellars

Varietal: Red Blend

Vintage: 2014

Fanciful Name: Rhapsody

Region/AVA: Napa Valley

State Of Origin: California

ABV: 14.6%

Bottle Size: 750 ml

Bottles Per Case: 12

Closure Type: Cork

## WINE STORY:

Fruit-forward, smooth and balanced, Singer Cellars wines are Bordeaux varietals and blends produced from Napa Valley grapes. We practice the old-world winemaking method of *bâtonnage*, or stirring the lees. This process enhances the wine's structure, gives it extra body, increases the aromatic complexity, and produces a velvety rich mouthfeel. Each wine ages for up to 20 months in French oak barrels. 40% is new, with the balance in used French oak barrels. Drinkable upon release, our wines benefit from additional cellar aging, which allows the wine's complexities to develop and reveal themselves. When the film *Sideways* was released in 2004, the comments about the noble grape Merlot were open to interpretation. Yet, near the end of the film, the main character opens a bottle of Cheval Blanc, a cult blend of Merlot and Cabernet Franc. As a devoted fan of Cheval Blanc and other elite wines from the famous Right Bank of the Bordeaux region in France, winemaker Barry Singer has a passion for working with premium Merlot and Cabernet Franc grapes grown in Napa Valley. For this reason, the new 2014 Rhapsody Red Wine is a blend of equal parts of both of these specialty varietals. With an attractive crimson red hue, the wine opens up with fragrant aromas of bright red fruits, leather, sage, and allspice. In the glass, the dazzling notes of ripe plum, cherry, blueberry, and cassis are further lifted with lovely accents of cocoa, clove, cardamom and forest floor, balanced tannins, and a long, engaging finish. For food pairings, try this limited release wine with wild mushrooms, grilled fish, fresh pasta, seared duck breast with a berry reduction sauce, pork chops, beef wellington, and fine Asian cuisine. Singer Cellars showcases Barry Singer's passion for classic Bordeaux varietal blends. In 2004 Barry pursued a lifelong dream and began making wine. Fast-forward to today, and Singer Cellars is garnering awards and recognition for its silky, accessible yet robust red wines. Composition 50% Cabernet Franc, 50% Merlot Appellation Napa Valley Aging 20 months in French oak barrels, 40% new oak Harvest October 9, 2015 Bottled June 10, 2015 Released Winter 2017

## SCORES AND ACCOLADES:

GOLD MEDAL - 95pts 2017 San Francisco Chronicle Wine Competition

