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Michael Black Vineyard, planted in 1987, lies on a hillside in Coombsville strewn with gravel, rocks, and small boulders. Michael Black propagated a unique clone that produces small berries and clusters that limit over plumping while contributing structure in the fruit. The cool climate of Coombsville promotes spicy aromatics and refined tannins. Average yields are less than 1.5 tons/acre.

Michael Black was extremely excited about the quality of the 2014 harvest from his Merlot vineyard. Sadly Michael passed away before he was able to taste this finished wine. I am confident that his enthusiasm is rewarded by the depth of flavor and complexity in this wine. Loads of spicy licorice and black pepper aromas lead to rich, mouth-filling blue and black berry flavors. This is a substantial wine that will remain delicious for the next seven to ten years.

Varietal Composition: 86% Merlot, 7% Cabernet Sauvignon, 7% Petit Verdot

Appellation: Coombsville, Napa Valley

Crush: 100% whole berries

Pre-fermentation: Cold-soaked for 3 days at 55 degrees F.

Fermentation: 7 days followed by 8 days of extended maceration and

malo-lactic fermentation in barrels

Aging: 21 months in 100% French oak barrels, 45% new for the vintage

Bottled: July 28, 2016 Production: 352 cases

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