



# CAIN VINEYARD

## *Cain Cuvée NV14*

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From the beginning, Cain has not tried to “out-Napa” Napa. Instead, it has insisted on a quieter, more intellectual aspiration: that a Cabernet-based wine can be classical without being generic, and that the best argument for greatness is not sheer ripeness, but the particularity of a site – and the discipline to let it speak. Founded in 1980 when Jerry and Joyce Cain acquired 550 acres of the historic McCormick Ranch on Spring Mountain, the estate was planted to the five classic Bordeaux varieties and has been guided since 1991 by winemaker Christopher Howell, whose commitment to classical technique and mountain restraint has defined the house style for over three decades.

Cain Cuvée is a “Cain original” – intentionally more approachable and famously multi-vintage, drawing fruit from both mountain and valley sites. Outside of Champagne, the blending of vintages has been nearly forgotten – except with Cain Cuvée. Since 1998, blending two vintages has been central to the project, yielding a wine more balanced and complex than either vintage could be alone. The “NV” designation indicates the base vintage around which the blend is built.

The NV14 is the richest, most dense Cain Cuvée ever bottled. Built from the 2013 and 2014 harvests – the North Coast drought years – it draws structure and complexity from 2013, while 2014, the more severe and restrained of the two, adds backbone. The wine also illustrates Cain’s commitment to wines that transcend fruit: native fermentations bring savory complexity – yeasty, meaty, even earthy notes – together with a satisfying, mouthfilling sensation. Dense but eminently drinkable, as Cain Cuvée has been since the first release in 1990.

*“Harvested, vinified, and blended for freshness, lightness, complexity, and balance.”*

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### **APPELLATION**

*Napa Valley*

### **VINTAGES**

*48% 2013, 52% 2014*

### **VINEYARD SOURCES**

*64% Spring Mountain District,  
36% Valley Floor*

### **STYLE**

*Multi-Vintage Blend*

### **COOPERAGE**

*French Oak*

### **WINEMAKER**

*Christopher Howell*

## **ACCOLADES**

**93** – NV14, *James Suckling*