

# Independent Wine Evaluation

## 2014 No. 14 Cabernet Sauvignon, Dry Creek Valley, Foyt Family Wines

This is an archetypical Sonoma Cabernet Sauvignon made in a nearly French style. The oak is of an Old World cedar-brown sugar character with minerals and tea; the fruit, though round and rich by the end of the tasting, gave plenty of space to herbal and spice notes early on. All layers evolve and swirl into greater integration over the course of about two hours.

The first impression is cinnamon and other sweet spices, with strong cassis, red fruit and some orange zest. With time, darker fruit develops, along with eucalyptus and a tight knot of oak and herbal flavors, which unfolds into anise, menthol, leather, mocha, minerals, black tea.

There is warmth on the finish. Tannins build up on the palate considerably over time, but aren't too abundant in any one sip. Perceived acidity leans slightly high. All together, the wine is more exuberant than elegant.

**Complexity:** Good; diverse impressions with added layers over time

**Balance:** Structural components are perceived as equally high, but each stands out of integration at one time or another; should integrate with age

**Intensity:** Good; key aromas present with sufficient strength and clarity

**Character:** Much more typical than possessed of a distinct personality

**Typicity:** Very high; a picture-book Sonoma Cabernet Sauvignon

# THE SOMMELIER COMPANY



**Appellation:** Dry Creek Valley, Sonoma County

**Vintage:** 2014

**Composition:** Cabernet Sauvignon

**Alcohol:** 14.7%

**Release Price:** \$48

## VISUAL, AROMATIC AND FLAVOR CHARACTERISTICS:

**Appearance:** Ruby with purple highlights, clear, youthful

**Fruit and Floral:** Cassis, red currant, orange zest, cherry, blueberry, blackberry

**Spice, Herbal and Vegetal:** Sweet baking spices, eucalyptus, menthol, anise

**Oak, Earth and Other:** Cedar, brown sugar, mocha, leather, minerals, black tea

## RESULTS:

### Stage 1: Blind Tasting

— Complexity: 7/10

— Balance: 6/10

— Intensity: 7/10

### Stage 2: Non-Blind

— Character: 5/10

— Typicity: 9/10

# SCORE: 91

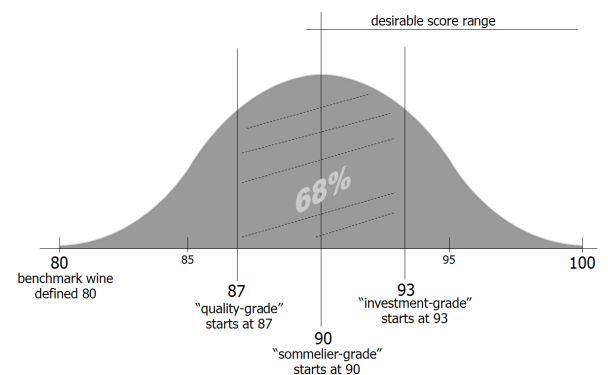


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## EVALUATION MODEL:



**METHODOLOGY DISCLOSURE:** Full evaluation criteria and process description available upon request. Wines are tasted and evaluated in a controlled environment. Wine samples are provided by producer as part of paid evaluation assignment. Evaluation model assumes that wine quality is normally distributed between scores 80 and 100, where 80 represents a simple, but not flawed, standard wine.