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2014 Dana Estates Cabernet Sauvignon Helms Vineyard, Rutherford

Wine Advocate #227 (Oct 2016)

Drink: 2016-2036

Rating: 95+

The single-vineyards from their 58 acres of vines, includes the 2014 Cabernet Sauvignon Helms Vineyard, which is 100% Cabernet Sauvignon from Rutherford. Production is only about 300 cases. It is a slightly more complex wine than the Onda, but not more concentrated, as it has the same opulence and voluptuous texture, an endearing overall personality with abundant juicy blackcurrants and licorice and loamy soil undertones in a full-bodied, silky style. This wine spent 20 months in 90% new French oak prior to being bottled unfiltered. Robert Parker (October 2016)

2014 Dana Estates Cabernet Sauvignon Lotus Vineyard, Napa Valley

Wine Advocate #227 (Oct 2016)

Drink: 2016-2036

Rating: 98

The 2014 Cabernet Sauvignon Lotus Vineyard is truly one of the profound wines of the vintage. Aged 24 months in 90% new French oak, it is 100% Cabernet Sauvignon from their most precocious and earliest-to-ripen Cabernet site. Dense blue/purple, as are the other wines, it separates itself with its extraordinarily flowery, blueberry and blackberry-scented aromatics. The wine is dense and multidimensional, full-bodied and opulent, with low acidity and fabulous silky, pure fruit. This wine is best drunk over the next two decades. Production of the Lotus single-vineyard is the smallest, at 250 cases. Robert Parker (October 2016)

2014 Dana Estates Cabernet Sauvignon Hershey Vineyard, Howell Mountain

Wine Advocate #227 (Oct 2016)

Drink: 2016-2036

Rating: 95+

The 2014 Cabernet Sauvignon Hershey Vineyard comes from a Howell Mountain vineyard at an 1,800-foot elevation. The classic Howell Mountain Cabernet characteristics of rich mulberry and blackberry fruit allied to graphite and earth are all present in this 100% Cabernet Sauvignon that spent 26 months in French oak of which 93% was new. Low-acid, plump, fleshy and sexy, this is a gorgeous wine, but relatively limited with only 280 cases produced. Drink it over the next 15-20 years.

Robert Parker (October 2016)

2014 Dana Estates Cabernet Sauvignon Onda, Napa Valley

Wine Advocate #227 (Oct. 2016)

Drink 2016-2031

Rating: 93

Their blended wine, Onda, comes from all of their vineyard sites, and is essentially a second wine culled from the single-vineyards. The 2014 Cabernet Sauvignon Onda, which sees 19 months in about 54% new French oak, has turned out much more compelling than I thought last year. Loads of blueberry and blackberry fruit with a hint of creosote, wood spice and camphor are offered in this deep, medium to full-bodied, layered and voluptuously textured wine. It is pure, sexy and ideal for drinking over the next 15+ years. Robert Parker (October 2016)