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Hands of Time Red Blend 2019

California, USA

Tasting Note: Bright, berryish red blend from a highly regarded Napa Valley estate, the nose fragrant with wild berries and cherry blossom, while the mouth bursts with red cherries topped by a whiff of sage, clove and cocoa powder.

Food Matching: The 2014 Hands of Time is very food friendly and approachable , pairing equally well with shredded pork tacos, grilled beef sliders or Chicken Saltimbocca

Vineyard: 2014 was the third in a string of excellent vintages in Napa Valley. After a bone dry winter and several years of drought conditions, much needed rain arrived in March that filled the soils with moisture. The rain fell at the perfect time and changed the direction of the growing season. While 2014 was a warm year there were no extreme heat events. Daytime highs were average yet evenings werent as cool as normal, giving the vines an ideal growing climate. □□

Vinification: The grapesthat arrived at the winery were of extremely high quality with ripe fruit flavours (at low sugar levels), with elegant tanins and ripe fruit flavours. 62% Cabernet Sauvignon 38% Merlot and aged for 21 months in neutral (mostly French) oak.

Alcohol :14,50 %

Composition: 115% Malbec, 86% Cabernet Sauvignon, 11% Merlot

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92 Decanter

Decanter (DCT) : 92 Points (2017)

A more affordable pick here from the world-renowned Napa Valley winery. This has a delicious chocolate-cherry nose followed on the palate by a rich and sumptuous texture giving cool, menthol-laced blue and black fruit flavors - blueberries, plums and blackcurrants alongside floral touches of violets. It's deep, dark and brooding but not at all heavy. Long length and mouthcoating tannins. This deserves a meat-heavy meal, steak or roast beef.