



NAPA APEX TERROIR



ACCENDO CELLARS
CABERNET SAUVIGNON
NAPA VALLEY

After selling Araujo Estate to the owner of Château Latour, Bart and Daphne Araujo created **Accendo Cellars**, assembling much the same stellar team that propelled Araujo to unanimous international acclaim: winemaker Françoise Peschon, enologist Michel Rolland, and viticulturist Steve Matthiasson. These bottlings show the same profound commitment, elevated energy, and meticulous attention to detail that characterized the Araujo wines.



Inspired by the revolutionary Napa bottlings of the 1950s, '60s, and '70s, **Accendo** pays homage to an earlier era while initiating a promising new paradigm: sourcing grapes from some of Napa's most important sites including two of their own, the Araujos create a supremely balanced wine of power and restraint that recalls Napa Valley's historic bottlings.

The 2014 Cabernet Sauvignon (100%) was aged 22 months in 100% new French oak. "On the nose, intense, vibrant and lively, showing intriguing earth, cedar, tobacco and smoky black tea. In the mouth, fresh, poised and precise, with layers of dark fruit and

silky tannin perfectly supporting its sweet core. What strikes me most about this wine is how earth-driven it is – wet clay, loam, scorched earth, enlivened by floral notes and hints of savory spices. The texture is sublime, with super-refined tannins at the entry, following through the mid palate with a power that builds slowly and evenly to a persistent mineral finish." – winemaker Françoise Peschon

When you live and farm in Napa Valley, you gain a respect for forces that are more powerful than you.

The weather and climate, geology and soils, slope and aspect, the way the sun traverses a vineyard through the course of a day, a season, a year. All of these influences comprise what we know as terroir. With Accendo, we apply this experience to our own vineyards in Oakville and St. Helena, and to properties throughout Napa Valley which we have long held in high esteem. We work with friends and growers who share our viticultural philosophy and passion, who care as much about the vitality of the land as the quality of the grapes they grow. And whose interest, like ours, is in producing wines expressive of terroir.

The diversity and intricacy of Napa Valley continue to amaze us, as does the unparalleled quality of its wines. With Accendo, our aim is to capture that diversity, that intriguing, layered complexity that represents this valley and its terroirs at their very finest. – Bart and Daphne Araujo



TINY PRODUCTION AND STELLAR QUALITY HAVE CONSPIRED TO MAKE MANAGEMENT OF **ACCENDO** UNUSUALLY DELICATE. WE ASK THAT OUR CLIENTS UNDERSTAND THE CAREFUL APPORTIONING OF OUR OWN STRICTLY LIMITED ALLOCATION.

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