



FROG'S LEAP

2014 CABERNET SAUVIGNON & CABERNET FRANC *Rossi Vineyard - "Hilltop"* *Rutherford*

THE BLEND

65% Cabernet sauvignon
35% Cabernet franc

PRODUCTION

357 cases

RELEASE DATE

November 2016

STATISTICS

harvested —

September 9

23.4° brix at harvest

13.8% alcohol

5.9 g/L total acidity

3.63 pH

aged 20 months in French oak

WINEMAKERS

John Williams

Paula Moschetti

Rory Williams

VINEYARDIST

Frank Leeds

A BRIEF HISTORY *(on the back label)*

On a slight rise just behind the old barns at the historic Rossi Vineyard lie two small vineyard blocks: one Cabernet sauvignon, the other Cabernet franc. Although their gain in elevation is minimal, they are affectionately referred to as "Hilltop." Planted in 2010, this wine features the first grapes harvested from these blocks. Blended together, this offering of 15 barrels, represents a special blend of these two varietal partners.

ABOUT THE WINE

Many of the finest examples of red wine in the world emanate from the well-drained soils of Saint-Émilion on the right banks of the Gironde River in Bordeaux, France. These wines are made largely from blends of Cabernet franc with Cabernet sauvignon and Merlot and are renowned for the strength of their character and their longevity in the cellar.

This beautiful bottling—our 2014 Rossi Vineyard 'Hilltop'—blends the strength of Cabernet sauvignon with the grace of Cabernet franc all the while paying homage to the wines of Saint-Émilion with a distinctive Rutherford twist. Deep black fruit aromatics, coffee and mocha and classic 'Rutherford Dust' are beautifully supported by the elegant, rich and smooth flavors so typical of these classic blends. If you can't keep your hands off a bottle for at least 10 years, decant and leave it open for an hour or two before serving with that still slightly pink herb-crusted rack of lamb.