

2014

RED WINE



### OUR STORY

Sonoma has always been a land of pioneers — a place where innovation is as limitless as the sky. In that spirit, we've set our winemakers free to follow their passion. Inspired by the unique qualities of our high-elevation Cooley Ranch vineyard in northeastern Sonoma County, they've returned with wines using varietals benefitting from the unique confluence of the mountains, sea and fog of Cooley Ranch, untethered by trends or tradition, yet grounded in the history of the land.

### VINEYARDS

Bordeaux varietals thrive on steep terrain and volcanic soil and, our Cooley Ranch is precisely the kind of landscape they love, with elevations ranging from 500 feet to 2,040. Cooley Ranch is blessed with a bright red, volcanic-based soil that is highly sought after for its high-quality grape-growing potential. Also, due to being above the fog line, Cooley warms up during harvest to allow for hotter growing temperatures and extra tannin development. All of this provides beautifully ripened fruit and balanced acidity.

For ROWEN Wines, we analyzed over 200 soil samples from across the 20,000 acre property. Our winemakers found the best 200 acres to plant grapes on and we carefully pick grapes that reflect the best of our superior lots of these Bordeaux varietals, which flourish in more rugged conditions and capture the distinctive influences of high elevation and cool Pacific breezes.

### THE VINTAGE & VINEYARDS

A mild, dry winter encouraged early bud break in Sonoma County in 2014. The growing season was very warm overall, but tempered by overcast days in late July and late August plus a heavy drizzle in early September, which slowed ripening through extended hang time on the vines. We harvested the grapes at peak ripeness from September 17 through October 9 under ideal conditions.

### TASTING NOTES

The 2014 ROWEN red blend is lush and elegant with aromas of dark fruit, baking spices and violet blossoms from the co-fermented Viognier. On the palate, the wine is balanced and structured with notes of blackberries, cassis, nutmeg and vanilla. Enjoy this wine now with sharp cheeses and charcuterie, braised lamb shanks or grilled filet mignon or cellar for enjoyment for years to come.

<b>WINEMAKER</b>	Justin Seidenfeld
<b>ALCOHOL</b>	15.0%
<b>TA</b>	0.58gm/100ml
<b>PH</b>	3.61
<b>APPELLATION</b>	Sonoma County
<b>VINEYARD</b>	Cooley Ranch
<b>BLEND</b>	57% Cabernet Sauvignon, 22% Malbec, 16% Syrah, 4% Viognier, 1% Petit Verdot
<b>CELLAR &amp; FERMENTATION</b>	26 months in 100% French oak barrels, 50% new

