



2014 Mt. Brave Merlot

Price: \$134.95 + refundable bottle deposit and handling fee

Varietal: Merlot

Brand: Mt Brave

LCBO Product #: 846303

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Region: Napa Valley, USA

Category: Regular Consignment

Bottles Per Case: 6

Bottle Size: 750ml

Availability

Availability in consignment

Background

Mt. Brave Vineyard sits high atop Mt. Veeder at an elevation of 1,400 to 1,800 feet. Mt. Veeder has been planted to wine grapes since the early 1860s by such winemaking pioneers as Charles Krug, Agoston Haraszthy, Frederick Hess and William S. Keyes, and wines from Mt. Veeder achieved recognition as early as the Paris Exposition of 1900. The parcel that became the Mt. Brave Vineyard, in the northern reaches of the Mt. Veeder American Viticultural Area (AVA), was originally purchased in 1841—before the Gold Rush and the Civil War.

Tasting Notes

A warm April and May pushed the growing season along, resulting in a fairly reasonable crop load, followed by a June and July that saw several heat spikes but nothing that lasted for more than three days. The beginning of October helped with later ripening areas as we experienced a bit of Indian summer. Overall, good conditions for ripening fruit without the worries of sun burn, shrivel or early fall cold. Flavors of dark chocolate and boysenberry, with great acidity and structure lift this wine on your palate. The long, steady finish exhibits why mountain Merlot stands alone. 92 points Antonio Galloni, VinousMedia.com, December 2016. 91 points Robert Parker, The Wine Advocate, October 2016.

