



## **2014 OBELISCO Electrum Cabernet Sauvignon**

**AVA:** Red Mountain

**Winemakers:** Doug Long , Pete Hedges, Sarah Goedhart

**Blend:** 90% Cabernet Sauvignon, 7.5% Merlot, 2.5% Malbec

**Vineyards:** 100% Obelisco

**Bottling:** 496 cases 750ml 50 Magnums

**Alcohol:** 15% vol.

**Barrels:** 30% new oak; 100% French

**Tasting Notes:** Dark purple, red color. Dark blackberry fruit aromas with mincemeat spice, black and red licorice and a sweet vanilla toast background. On the palate this wine is full, rich, and slightly sweet with blackberry fruit, mincemeat spice, toasted oak and hints of custard, clove and wet earth. The mouth feel is lush and smooth on the entry and in the mid-palate and finishes long with nicely balanced acid and noticeable tannins, which make for a long, long finish.

**Cellaring:** Because it is made from Red Mountain grapes this wine should age well for the next 10 to 15 years. Because it is Obelisco fruit, it is soft and inviting now for wine that is 90% Cabernet.

**Production:** All the fruit for this wine is from Obelisco Vineyard. The high density planting yields smaller berries, which contribute to the concentrated flavors, yet the fruit from this vineyard always makes wines with luxurious tannins and mouth feel. Combine this with 22 months in 30% new oak and you get a wine that invitingly combines great fruit and oak.

**Harvest notes:** 2014 was another warm year following the heat of 2013. Despite the heat, it seemed like maturation happened at an even tempo right up until harvest. Thankfully the cool nights that happen in September on Red Mountain slowed the sugar production down a bit and let the flavors develop just enough. At the time, it seemed like the new normal would be to harvest in early September. However, no year ever seems like the last one. The phenolics and tannins in the grapes certainly fit the Obelisco style in 2014. With all of the crazy harvest fluctuations, the Obelisco vineyard on Red Mountain just seems to never disappoint us.