



2014 mbf Primitivo

The foundation of my limited production mbf (man's best friend) wines is always a strong relationship; a vineyard owner, a handshake agreement and my desire to craft an excellent wine from his or her grapes—Brenda Lynch

2014 mbf Primitivo, Speedy Creek Vineyard Knights Valley—Sonoma County

Primitivo is a clonal variation (along with Zinfandel) of the Croatian grape Crljenak. It's name derives from the terms primitivus or primaticcio, which refer to the grape's tendency to ripen earlier than other varieties. However, Speedy Creek Vineyard's hillside location and more extreme growing conditions produce small intensely flavored berries that ripen later in the growing season.

2012 Vintage

Silver Medal - Orange County Fair

2011 Vintage

Silver Medal - Sonoma County Harvest Fair

Bronze Medal - San Francisco Chronicle Wine Competition

Bronze Medal - Sonoma County Harvest Fair



Speedy Creek Vineyard, Knights Valley

I first hiked the Speedy Creek Vineyard in Knights Valley with owners Dave and Kathy Burton in 2008. Speedy Creek refers to the "speed" of their seasonal winter creek as it cascades down alongside their hillside vineyard. The Burtons are committed to sustainable growing practices and Dave's Primitivo grapes have an intensity of character reflective of this true hillside terroir.

Brenda's Winemaking

Handle with care. 2014 is our fifth vintage of Primitivo and our wine-making approach remains consistent—gentle handling and oak aging. Fermentation took place in an open top tank, with 3 times per day punch-downs. The wine was barreled down dirty and malolactic fermentation took place in barrel. The wine was aged in 100% French Oak barrels for 18 months, with approximately 50% new Francois Frères barrels.

Tasting Notes

Our 2014 mbf Primitivo is a wonderful expression of this varietal. It's deep garnet in color and on the nose you'll easily detect blackberries and pepper. The flavor profile is one of blackberries, black currants, and cherries. There's no question this is a big wine, but everything is in balance. The ample tannins lead up to a very satisfying finish.

Pair this wine with a hearty steak and you'll be one lucky dog...

Information

Vintage:	2014
Appellation:	Knights Valley
Alcohol:	14.8%
Produced:	212 Cases
UPC:	8 50432 00090 7



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