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# BRAVE & MAIDEN

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## TECHNICAL NOTES

### 2014 BEQUEST

This wine is as dark as night. Hints of cedar and baking spices on the nose give way to the full fruited palate of strawberry and blackberry jam. The finish is elegant with a supple texture and fine french oak.

VITICULTURE	<i>AVA</i>	Los Olivos District, Santa Ynez Valley
	<i>Clone(s)</i>	181, Noir, 332
	<i>Harvest Date</i>	End of September and early October
	<i>Vintage Notes</i>	Warm periods in January and February brought budbreak three weeks earlier than normal in 2014. With lots of sun, warm days, and little rain, the rest of the growing season was a steady march toward an early harvest — about three weeks earlier than usual. For a third year in a row now, Brave & Maiden saw high yields with an exceptional crop.
WINEMAKING	<i>Blend</i>	70% Merlot, 25% Syrah, 5% Cabernet Franc
	<i>Description</i>	De-stemmed to 2-4 ton fermenters, fermented for 14-21 days with some extended maceration. Barreled down to 100% French oak, 50% new and aged for 23 months.
	<i>Alcohol</i>	14.9%
	<i>pH</i>	3.55
	<i>Total Acid</i>	0.608 mg /100 mL
	<i>Bottled</i>	1st of March 2016
RELEASE	<i>Cases</i>	46
	<i>Release Date</i>	Fall 2016
	<i>SRP</i>	\$95