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# KENWOOD. VINEYARDS

**2014 JACK LONDON MERLOT** 

Since 1976, Kenwood Vineyards has been the exclusive producer of wines from the historic single vineyards of the famous Jack London Ranch, located on the western slope of Sonoma Valley in Glen Ellen, California. Award-winning Cabernet Sauvignon, Zinfandel, Merlot and Syrah wines are produced from these unique red, volcanic soil vineyards, first planted in the late 1800's.

#### TASTING NOTES

Red fruit aromas of raspberries and cherries are followed by fragrant notes of allspice, cocoa and vanilla bean. This powerful full-bodied Merlot is complemented by wellstructured tannins and an elegant smooth finish.

#### JACK LONDON VINEYARD

The Jack London Vineyard creates distinctive red wines that have a loyal following throughout the world. The red volcanic soil and pleasantly warm climate of this hillside location combine to produce rich, full-bodied wines. Located on Sonoma Mountain with a southeastern exposure, the vineyard is above the fog level and receives early morning sun, followed by late afternoon breezes which temper the day's most extreme heat. The result of this exceptional terroir is grapes of great distinction that make wines with superb flavor and deep, rich color.

### WINEMAKING

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In 2014 the historic California drought entered its third year and the exceptionally dry conditions concentrated the flavor of the grapes. Harvest began on September 24th and was completed over the next three days. The grapes were then brought to the winery to be fermented in stainless steel tanks. After three weeks, the young wine was pressed off the skins and settled before being racked into a combination of French and American oak barrels. After a year and a half, the barrels were pumped out and the blend was assembled for bottling.

### FOOD PAIRINGS

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The rich fruit flavors found in this Merlot complement a wide range of dishes such as, Grilled Italian Sausage with Roasted Tomato Sauce, Grilled Flat Iron Steak, or Mediterranean Lamb Burgers. T

Composition	100% Merlot	Acidity/pH	7.0 / 3.51	Bottled	April 2016
Appellation	Sonoma Mountain	Alcohol	14.5%		

## Enjoy Responsibly

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