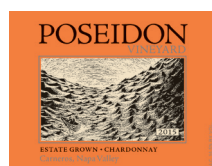


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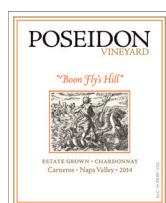
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92 points

2015 Poseidon Vineyard Estate Chardonnay
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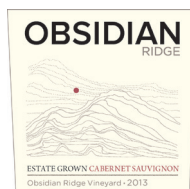
The great value in the group is the 2015 Chardonnay Estate of which there are 3,150 cases. It is a beauty. About 40% new oak is used and the wine is concentrated, offering up notes of white peach, honeysuckle, brioche and apple blossom. It is fresh, extroverted, medium to full-bodied with good acidity and purity. Drink it over the next 3-4 years.



94 points

2015 Poseidon Vineyard "Boon Fly's Hill" Chardonnay
NAPA · CARNEROS

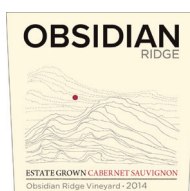
The 2014 Chardonnay Boon Fly's Hill is from a windy knoll in Carneros, spending 22 months in Hungarian cooperage. Distinct nectarine, tangerine oil, citrus blossom, a hint of pineapple and quince are followed by a wine with good minerality, medium to full body, excellent acidity and a long finish. This should drink nicely for 5-6 years as well. This is a much smaller cuvée of 125 cases.



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2013 Obsidian Ridge Estate Cabernet Sauvignon
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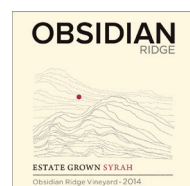
The 2013 Cabernet Sauvignon has impressive intensity, a dense ruby/purple color, loads of licorice, graphite, mineral and black fruits, a medium to full body and moderate tannin.



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2014 Obsidian Ridge Estate Cabernet Sauvignon
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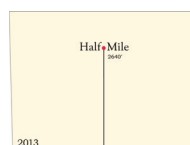
The 2014 Cabernet Sauvignon is also a winner, slightly more open and precocious, but with plenty of blackcurrant and blackberry fruit, striking minerality (no doubt from the Obsidian rocks) and a full-bodied, luscious, juicy style with a voluptuous texture. Drink it over the next 10-15 years.



92 points

2014 Obsidian Ridge Estate Syrah
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Obsidian Ridge also did a good job with their Syrah. This is a smaller cuvée of only 250 cases, but the 2014 Syrah has an inky, bluish/purple color, a big, sweet kiss of pepper, lavender, white flowers, blackberry and cassis fruit. The tannins were sweet, the wine full-bodied and lush. I don't understand why Syrahs such as this aren't selling briskly, but they certainly merit it. Drink it over the next 5-6 years.



90 points

2014 Obsidian Ridge "Half Mile" Proprietary Red Blend
RED HILLS · LAKE COUNTY

Like their other wines, has an even more opaque purple color with loads of tannin. Because of the tannin this seems like a long-term proposition... It is a masculine, primordial style of red wine that needs 2-3 years of bottle age and should keep for 15 or more years.