

	Retail	Savings
<b>\$45.00</b>	<b>\$50.00</b>	<b>10%</b>

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## 2014 Rocca Vespera Red Blendproduct-timed-pdf - Napa Valley - 92pts WE

### Why We're Drinking It

Made exclusively from the family vineyard's organically farmed grapes, which are selectively harvested by hand in the cool hours of the night. Rocca takes the term "handcrafted" quite literally and creates a wine with great land, amazing fruit, a watchful eye, and gentle hands.

The goal at Rocca is to make wines that reflect the unique characteristics of the vineyards from which they come. To this end, all of the wines are made from organically-farmed, estate-grown grapes, which are selectively harvested by hand. In assembling the wines for Vespera, the barrels are individually selected for the lots.

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### Tasting Notes

The 2014 Vespera is just absurdly pleasurable to drink. This is an utterly charming, accessible, generous wine that prefers to welcome and embrace rather than to overwhelm. There's a lot going on here, but it's all beautifully balanced and elegantly proportioned.

60% Grigsby Vineyard (Yountville)

40% Collinetta Vineyard (Coombsville)

#### VARIETAL

50% Cabernet Sauvignon, 27% Syrah, 23% Merlot

#### APPELLATION

Napa Valley

#### ALCOHOL

15.20

#### SIZE

750ml

#### BLEND

50% Cabernet Sauvignon, 27% Syrah, 23% Merlot

#### AGING/COOPERAGE

17 months in small French Oak

Barrels, 60% new

#### PRODUCTION

569

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### The Story to Know

The idea for Rocca Family Vineyards began in 1995, Mary Rocca and her husband Dr. Eric Grigsby began a quest for the perfect vineyard. Their three year search finally yielded results: a 21-acre vineyard nestled deep in the heart of the Napa Valley. After renaming the new parcel Grigsby Vineyard, Mary devoted her full attention to the new project, while Eric continued to cultivate a career as one of the nation's most respected pain management physicians. Mary called upon renowned winemaker Celia Welch Masyczek to produce the label's first vintage in 2000. By 2002 the Grigsby Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon came in #1 in a blind tasting of 12 Rising Star Cabernets at the Vintners Club tasting in the U.S. Later, the wine was chosen # 1 in France's 12 Best Cabernets from California. Years of accolades and popular opinion have established Rocca as one of the industry's finest wine producers, a reputation the team is happy to uphold. In 2000 Mary purchased the 11-acre Collinetta Vineyard, planted on a small hill in the Coombsville Appellation. These two vineyards produce some of the Valley's finest wine grapes. In 2008, Celia passed the winemaking baton to Paul Colantuoni, who continues to produce world-class wines under the Rocca label.

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### Ratings

92 Points- Wine Enthusiast

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## Reviews

Made from half Cabernet Sauvignon, the remainder nearly equal portions of Syrah and Merlot, this is a full-bodied ripe blend of spicy, fresh and ample flavors. With integrated tannin and oak, it is effusive in dark berry, leather and clove, with a meaty, gamy tinge on the finish.

--Wine Enthusiast