



## 2014 RELENTLESS®

NAPA VALLEY

This wine honors long-time Shafer Winemaker Elias Fernandez and his relentless pursuit of quality. Sourced from a single ridgetop vineyard adjacent to the southern border of Stags Leap District, the grapes for Relentless are a proprietary blend of Syrah and Petite Sirah.

Release Date	September 1, 2017
Vineyard Locations	A small ridgetop site and a foothills site along the Vaca Mountains just south of Stags Leap District
2014 Growing Season	This was the third in a string of warm, sun-soaked vintages from spring through early autumn. The consistency of daytime heat and evening coolness created a model growing season in which we harvested fruit with abundant color and concentration, along with enticing, rich aromatics.
Varietal Composition	89% Syrah, 11% Petite Sirah
Brix at Harvest	24.0° - 26.0°
Cooperage	30 months in 100% new 60-gallon French oak barrels (Allier & Tronçais)
Alcohol	15.8%



### WINEMAKER'S COMMENTS

*"The first pour offers an endlessly rich density of meaty, smoky, black fruit aromas while the wine saturates the mouth with deep flavors of black licorice, bramble fruit, black pepper, allspice, bacon, and char. All of this opulence is energized with underlying acidity and bound together with structured, ripe tannins built for very long term ageability."*

— ELIAS FERNANDEZ

### WHAT OTHERS ARE SAYING

*"Shafer's 2014 Relentless is fabulous ... lavender, mint, violets and crème de cassis notes are laced into the super-expressive finish."*

— ANTONIO GALLONI, *VINOUS*

### SHAHER VINEYARDS

Shafer Vineyards is a 30,000 case winery in Napa Valley's Stags Leap District managed by the father and son team of John and Doug Shafer. The Shafer family owns and farms 200 acres of vineyards, sources for Shafer's Cabernet Sauvignon, Chardonnay, Malbec, Merlot, Petite Sirah, and Syrah.