



HILL FAMILY  
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## 2014 Origin

**Production:** 2,508 cases

**Composition:** 83.4% Merlot, 16.6% Malbec

**Vineyards:** Beau Terrior, Beau Terre, Smith, Windy Flats and Baker

**Appellation:** Napa Valley

**Cooperage:** 35% new oak barrels aged for 16 months (of the new barrels, 17% French Oak, 26% Trust Hungarian, 51% Stavin French oak)

**Alcohol:** 15.14% alc, 3.72 pH, 0.61 TA

**Bottling date:** 3/15/2016

Origin is our chance to create a stylish and intriguing blend from all the possible lots we make, since there are no varietal or appellation strictures – except Napa Valley of course. Doug Hill farms vineyards from Calistoga all the way down to American Canyon and up to Atlas Peak, so we had many lots to choose from. Merlot down at Beau Terrior in Carneros is charming and rich, and Beau Terre in Oak Knoll added structure and plushy fruit to the blend. Malbec from 2014 has become a big part of the palate structure for the Origin. We blended in our softer lots then found that our big Atlas Peak lot added structure and finesse, so we put that in also. It balanced immediately and was bottled with no fining or filtration.

**Winemaker Alison Doran's tasting notes:**

Caramel and berry nose, improves with time to include mocha and currant. Palate really balanced and smooth, with bright cherry fruit, dark roses, and a silky plum finish.