



92

2014 Covenant Proprietary Red Covenant

As for the 2014 Proprietary Red Covenant, this is a blend of 57% Cabernet Sauvignon, 31% Merlot and 12% Petit Verdot aged 18 months in 50% new French oak. Virtually all of this fruit comes from Leslie Rudd's core vineyards in Oakville. Dense ruby/purple with a beautiful nose of black cherry, blackcurrant, baking spices and forest floor is followed by a medium to full-bodied wine with elegant, well-integrated sweet tannin, a medium to full body and a long, impressive, pure finish. This has always been Jeff Morgan's flagship wine and he continues to nail it in terms of quality and complexity. This beauty should evolve for 12-15 or more years – which might qualify it for the longest-lived, dry Kosher wine in the world.

- Robert M. Parker, Jr. (December, 2016)

Copyright 2016, The Wine Advocate, Inc. - Reprinted with permission



93+

2013 Covenant Cabernet Sauvignon Solomon Lot 70

The 2013 Proprietary Red Covenant Solomon Lot 70 is 100% Cabernet Sauvignon from Leslie Rudd's Oakville estate vineyard. Aged in 75% new French oak for 18 months prior to bottling, it is a small cuvée of only 75 cases. There is a fascinating story about the significance of Lot 70, but I will leave that to readers to pursue with Hebrew scholars. As for the wine, it has a dense ruby/purple color, a beautiful nose of blackberry and blackcurrant fruit, graphite and cedar wood. It is spicy, rich, full-bodied, opulent and struts its 2013 lineage in an impressive, full-bodied style. This is a beauty that is going to evolve for at least two decades or more.

- Robert M. Parker, Jr. (December, 2016)

Copyright 2016, The Wine Advocate, Inc. - Reprinted with permission



90

2014 Covenant Chardonnay Lavan

The 2014 Chardonnay Covenant Lavan is a rather classic Northern California Chardonnay with notes of white peach, honeysuckle and a touch of orange blossom followed by a medium-bodied, admirably concentrated, nicely textured wine with a touch of toasty oak in the background. This is impressive wine.

- Robert M. Parker, Jr. (December, 2016)

Copyright 2016, The Wine Advocate, Inc. - Reprinted with permission



92+

2014 Covenant Proprietary Red Neshama

The last entry is his debut 2014 Proprietary Red Neshama, a blend of 60% Petit Verdot, 30% Malbec and 30% Syrah. Neshama is the Hebrew word for the soul, but with that much Petit Verdot, Jeff Morgan may have been better to have chosen the Hebrew word for courage. This is inky purple wine, very dense, powerful, rich, backward and masculine, with a full body, huge fruit and amazing structure. I think it has the balance to go the distance and turn out to be quite special. Cellar it for a few years and drink it over the following two decades.

- Robert M. Parker, Jr. (December, 2016)

Copyright 2016, The Wine Advocate, Inc. - Reprinted with permission