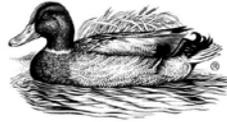


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VINEYARDS

NAPA VALLEY



## 2013 Napa Valley Merlot

Our Napa Valley Merlot is a complex blend of several individual vineyard lots, incorporating fruit from our estate vineyards and from top independent growers throughout the Napa Valley. The final wine is a rich and cohesive expression of the entire Napa Valley, reflecting the varied microclimates and soils of this unique appellation.

### 2013 Harvest Notes

The 2013 harvest was early, even and excellent with all of our Estate fruit in the winery by October 10th. A warm dry spring brought an early bud break and created ideal conditions for flowering and fruit set. In the weeks after Labor Day, a moderate heat event followed by a period of perfect weather created a dream scenario for end-of-season ripening. Rain was not a factor, and for the second vintage in a row, the quality of the grapes was exceptional throughout Napa Valley.

### Comments from the Winemaker

This gorgeous wine displays intense aromas of ripe cherry, followed by more nuanced elements of cedar, sweet spices, orange peel and cigar box. On the palate, layers of black raspberry and spiced plum mingle with more savory notes of nutmeg and pencil lead. With firm, well-integrated tannins that extend the finish, this beautifully structured Merlot also promises great ageability.

### Varietal Content

88% Merlot, 7% Cabernet Sauvignon, 5% Cabernet Franc

### Harvest Information

Appellation: Napa Valley

Harvest Dates: September 6 — October 10, 2013

Average Sugar at Harvest: 26.4° Brix

### Cooperage

100% French Oak Château-style Barrels (60 Gallons)

Barrel Aging: 15 Months

Age of Barrels: 25% New, 75% Neutral

### Production/Technical Data

Alcohol: 14.5%

0.57 g/100 ml titratable acidity

10-12 days fermentation at 82°F

pH: 3.59

Bottled: May 2015

Release Date: March 2016

