

#### 2014 WINEMAKER SERIES ALEXANDER VALLEY RED WINE RIDGELINE VINEYARD

Our Winemaker Don LaBorde, first fell in love with the wines from Alexander Valley's acclaimed *Ridgeline Vineyard* years ago. A dramatic, high-elevation hillside vineyard, Ridgeline is ideal both for Cabernet Sauvignon and for Tempranillo, which is why it was chosen as the source for this alluring Sonoma County red blend. Inspired by the iconic blends of Spain, this robust, full-bodied red combines the vivid violet and white pepper qualities of exceptional Tempranillo with the depth and richness of Cabernet Sauvignon.



## In The Vineyards - 2014

The 2014 growing season was our third exceptional vintage in a row, and one of our earliest harvests on record, with our final grapes arriving at the winery on October 14 - almost two weeks earlier than normal. Though the vintage presented drought conditions, perfectly timed spring rains were just what the vines needed to set an excellent crop. After an early budbreak, ideal summer weather allowed us to harvest all of our varieties at optimum ripeness, resulting in wines with alluring aromatics and beautiful fruit complexity.

## **Sensory Profile**

- This gorgeous blend of Tempranillo and Cabernet Sauvignon displays rich aromas of fresh-baked berry cobbler and holiday spices, along with subtle notes of oregano and fresh mint.
- On the plate, it is bold and mouthfilling, with rich layers of blueberry and blackberry and intriguing hints of mahogany and spice.
- Firm, dusty tannins add depth and nuance to long, balanced finish.

- Winemaker Don LaBorde

# Composition

55% Tempranillo, 45% Cabernet Sauvignon

### Origin

Appellation: Alexander Valley, Sonoma County Harvest Dates: August 28 – September 11

### Aging & Oak

18 months in oak95% French Oak, 5% American Oak60% New Oak, 40% Second Vintage

## **Production and Technical Data**

Average Sugar at Harvest: 26.0° Brix

Alcohol: 14.5%