

## 2013

## CABERNET SAUVIGNON Napa Valley



Blending Cabernet Sauvignon grapes from top flight vineyards such as Beckstoffer To Kalon, Beckstoffer Missouri Hopper and Beckstoffer Las Piedras, we designed this to be enjoyed now or over the next two decades. As the core varietal of Napa Valley, our Cabernet Sauvignon possesses concentration, freshness and acidity

## Winemaker Notes:

Overall 2013 was an epic Napa vintage. We had limited rain with quite a bit of heat. This forced us to be creative in protecting the fruit from sun exposure through canopy management and irrigation. The red wines in 2013 are ripe and voluptuous. Because it was a hot year in Napa Valley, we reached sugar ripeness quickly. However, we had to be patient in order for the tannins to ripen. Because we didn't have to worry about the rain, we were able to pick at the optimum time. This gave us the ability to produce wines with concentrated aromas and tannins.

-Jean Hoefliger

Color: mahogany with touches of ruby and sangria

**On the nose:** hints of cherry, earl grey, lavender and dry herbs lingering on black currant, white pepper and saffron

**On the palate:** big round entrance evolving on dark fruit jam, currant and blackberry lingering on acidity and cherry

Blend: 79% Cabernet Sauvignon, 14% Cabernet Franc, 6% Petit Verdot, 1% Merlot
Fermenation: 50% barrel, 50% tank, average of 35 days on skins
Aging: 22 months, 70% new French oak, 30% in I year old barrels
Vineyards: Beckstoffer To Kalon, Beckstoffer Missouri Hopper, Beckstoffer Las Piedras, Sklar, Sacrashe, Sunshine Valley, Stagecoach, Newton, and Lyons
Case Production: 3,000 cases Alcohol by Volume: 14.6%