

2013

PROPRIETARY RED Napa Valley



This Cabernet Sauvignon dominated wine was designed to be a Bordeaux blend with pure Napa Valley pedigree. Utilizing some of the most sought after vineyards such as Beckstoffer To Kalon, Beckstoffer Missouri Hopper and Beckstoffer Las Piedras, we created a dense wine that has more diversity in its profile. We consider our Proprietary Red the intellectual offering of our current releases.

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: deep dark plum with hints of boysenberry and lipstick

On the nose: explosion of thyme, paprika and curry with chocolate, cherry, macerated strawberry and hibiscus

On the palate: soft velvety entrance evolving on structured tannins with cherry, currant, cassis and blackberries lingering on blue fruit jam

Blend: 61% Cabernet Sauvignon, 32% Merlot, 7% Cabernet Franc Fermentation: 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, Sacrashe, Sunshine Valley, Stagecoach, Newton, and Lyons

> Case Production: 2,500 Alcohol by Volume: 14.5%