

2012

## 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 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:

"2012 proved to be a unique but outstanding vintage. This is not because of frost, heat or rain, but mainly due to bountiful harvest. The growing season was ideal with no frost, a mild spring, and a very temperate, long growing season. This allowed all varietals to ripen to their optimum condition with significant concentration and complexity. The biggest challenge was the management of the tannin structure of the very thick-skinned red vintage. This meant that winemakers who simply applied recipes had a challenging year as tannin levels were at twice the average level."

-Jean Hoefliger

Color: deep dark violet and cranberry with touches of fuchsia

On the nose: strong dark chocolate with rose candy lingering on cinnamon, nutmeg and granite

On the palate: velvety, silky entrance with soft ripe strawberry and mango with hints of juicy blueberries and ripe plums lingering on cassis and wisteria

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: 14.6%