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## 2013 Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon

**Production:** 1,605 cases

**Composition:** 78% Cab Sauvignon, 13% Malbec, 6% Merlot & 3% Petit Verdot

**Vineyards:** Baker, Beau Terre, Red Door, Windy Flats & Knubis

**Elevations:** Valley floor – 1,200 ft.

**Cooperage:** 45% new oak as follows: 8% new American oak (Charlois American oak), 29% new French Oak (Leroi, Bossuet, Orion, and Remond), 8% Stavin French Oak, 55% neutral French, Hungarian, and American oak.

**Alcohol:** 15.8%, TA 0.59, pH 3.75

**Bottling date:** June 4, 2015

**Release date:** Winter 2015

**Release price:** \$55.00

The 2013 growing season offered marvelous growing conditions. A wet December gave way to a rainless January and February, and dry, warm weather extended into the spring. These conditions encouraged early bud break and bloom, and we enjoyed great set with beautiful uniformity in our Cabernet fruit. Summer started with a brief heat spike in early July; perfect ripening weather followed throughout September. These ideal end-of-harvest temperatures yielded grapes with incredible concentration of flavor, color and tannin. We had 27 lots to consider blending, and decided on 6 vineyards that would make the base blend. We let this blend age in barrel for a year, and then did additional blending to balance and create the ideal finish we desired.

### **Winemaker Alison Doran's tasting notes:**

The 2013 Cabernet Sauvignon presents black cherry and blackberry aromas layered with subtle herb, vanilla and floral notes. The entry is velvety and intense, revealing dark cherry and boysenberry notes married with toasted oak and light licorice. This is an elegantly structured wine with silkiness through the midpalate and a persistent, juicy finish. Deep, coating Atlas Peak tannins ensure that this wine will age beautifully in the cellar.