

B SIDE



VARIETAL COMPOSITION

Red Wine Blend

52% Cabernet Sauvignon
26% Merlot
14% Malbec
6% Petit Verdot
2% Cabernet Franc

APPELLATION Napa Valley, California

WINEMAKER Greg Kitchens

OAK AGING 14 months

OAK SOURCING 55% French Oak, 45% American
80% New, 20% Seasoned

VINTAGE 2013

ALCOHOL 14.5%

PH 3.62 **TA** 5.7 g/L

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TASTING NOTES

Our 2013 B Side Red Wine Blend features a combination of five carefully selected Napa Valley varietals. Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Malbec, Petit Verdot and Cabernet Franc marry to create a beautiful deep purple color in the glass. Fragrant aromas of cranberry cocktail, rich cherry and Tahitian vanilla are accompanied by hints of fresh oregano, purple basil and framed by toasty French oak nuances. Vibrant flavors of blackberry compote, sweetened dried cherry and cappuccino are complemented by notes of black currant and sandalwood. This Bordeaux style blend is framed well by moderate acidity and rich, mouth filling tannins that will soften with age.

APPELLATION

Bordered by two mountain ranges, the valley stretches approximately 30 miles north to south, one mile east to west at its narrow northern end and five miles at its widest point near the town of Napa. Its maritime climate—warm days and cool nights—coupled with deep, yet not excessively fertile soils make it ideally suited for the cultivation of ultra-premium grapes. The first grapes were planted here in 1838, and today Napa accounts for four percent of California's total wine production, focusing primarily on the top-end of the wine market.

52% of this blend is Cabernet Sauvignon sourced from Oak Knolls, Chiles Valley and Napa Valley, creating a harmony of fruitier flavors from longer hang time and sun exposure with dark color, tannins and depth. The balance of the varieties, from lakeside vineyards, add softness and complexity to the wine. Grown just north of Mount George in the rolling valleys between Napa and Suisun Valley, the Merlot and Malbec contribute fruity richness attributed to good elevation, while a small percentage of Cabernet Franc and Petit Verdot add depth, color and structure.

VINTAGE

Winemakers have heralded the 2013 harvest's outstanding quality, using words like "early, even and excellent" to describe this year's growing season. Ideal conditions prompted bud break much earlier than expected; the warm, dry spring provided for consistent flowering and fruit set throughout the valley. Vine activity was at its peak due to steady temperatures, and with only one heat spike, the grapes were able to mature on the vines as predicted and preferred. Yields were above average and first pick for most varietals happened about two weeks earlier than the usual, for most growers, this was the earliest pick in a quarter of a century. Cool nights and gentle winds increased quality across the board and helped create wines with personality and complex character.