



FLORA SPRINGS



WINEMAKER NOTES

“Love the land and it will love you back.” – Flora Komes

Our 2013 Napa Valley Red Wine is a tribute to the land that has nurtured our family through three generations. Centuries ago over fifteen fresh water springs ran through our St. Helena estate, and today the springs that remain sustain our vineyards and the abundance of wildlife that still roam through the hills behind our winery. These life-giving waters are honored on the “Flora” pictured on this wine’s white label, the water running through the grapes, down her hair and into the reflective pool at her feet.

From one of the best vintages in recent history, this dark red wine is a fascinating blend of classic Bordeaux varietals joined by a significant portion of Syrah. On the nose, the wine offers abundant aromas of ripe black cherries and raspberry along with whiffs of white pepper and dusty sage. Flavors of blackberries, boysenberries and plum follow, coating the palate with rich, red fruit. Deftly oaked in a combination of new and seasoned barrels, the wine displays toasted coconut with hints of vanilla and clove. The wine is fruit-driven, but derives complexity from the small percentage of Cabernet Franc which adds hints of tea, graphite and savory herb. Silky tannins bring the wine to a finish with bright fruit lingering on the lush palate.

ALL THE FACTS

Appellation: *Napa Valley*

Varietal: *52% Cabernet Sauvignon; 20% Merlot, 17% Syrah, 8% Petit Verdot; 3% Cabernet Franc*

Cases Produced: *2000*

Aging: *20 months, in new and seasoned oak (80% French, 20% American oak)*

Suggested Retail Price: *\$36*

Enjoyability: *Drink now through 2024 for optimum enjoyment*

ON THE VINE

Though 2012 was a stellar vintage, 2013 may have been even better. In Napa Valley a warm, dry spring brought early bud break and created ideal conditions for flowering and fruit set. With the exception of one heat spike, temperatures in June and July were consistently in the zone for optimal vine activity, resulting in notably healthy vines as fruit went through veraison and ripening. Harvest was early, and when it came to a close it was about two weeks earlier than other Napa Valley harvests of the last decade.