



# FLORA SPRINGS



## WINEMAKER NOTES

In translation, Poggio Del Papa means “hill of the pope,” so named for the Pope Valley-grown Sangiovese grapes which form the core of this Tuscan-style red wine. In 2013 we combined the vibrant, cherry-red flavors of this hillside-sourced varietal with the darker, brambly fruit characteristics of Malbec, Syrah and Petite Verdot grown on the Napa Valley floor. The result is a voluptuously structured wine redolent of strawberry rhubarb pie and chocolate-covered mint with notes of fennel and star anise and sweet undertones of Madagascar vanilla. Soft tannins encase the core of red fruit, and the wine finishes with a spicy uplift. Poggio Del Papa is one of our most food-friendly wines, capable of pairing with both white and red-sauce pasta dishes as well as meats and hard cheeses.

## ALL THE FACTS

**Appellation:** *Napa Valley*

**Varietal:** *97% Sangiovese, 10% Malbec, 10% Syrah, 4% Petit Verdot*

**Cases Produced:** *667*

**Aging:** *18 months: 85% French, 15% American oak*

**Suggested Retail Price:** *\$40*

**Enjoyability:** *Drink now through 2025 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.

The foundation of our 2013 Napa Valley Poggio Del Papa is fashioned from sustainably-grown Sangiovese grapes harvested from the Cypress Ranch Vineyard in Pope Valley. Syrah and Bordeaux varieties from the Napa Valley floor – including the Rutherford and Oakville appellations – supplement this core, creating a multi-faceted wine with notes of red and purple fruits and a variety of savory herbs and fresh spices.