



WINEMAKER NOTES

Tucked behind our old family home on the northwestern edge of the Rutherford appellation is our Hillside Reserve Vineyard. This benchland vineyard sweeps dramatically up the hillside, bordering an ancient creek and wrapping around the natural springs that give our winery its name. The Hillside Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon, sourced from Block J at the vineyard's highest elevation, was the first Cabernet we chose to bottle on its own. The 2013 vintage is inky and dense, displaying warm notes of blackberry pie, crème de cassis, coffee liqueur and maraschino cherries that slowly evolve into a decadent core of melted bittersweet chocolate inflected with vanilla bean. Aged in both French and American oak barrels, the wine shows well-integrated hints of dark roasted espresso beans and soft caramel. This Rutherford Cabernet is lush and powerfully graceful, with enveloping tannins that promise pleasure in the near term but long term aging potential as well.

ALL THE FACTS

Appellation: *Rutherford, Napa Valley*

Varietal: *100% Cabernet Sauvignon*

Cases Produced: *458*

Aging: *18 months, 80% American oak,
20% French oak (75% new)*

Suggested Retail Price: *\$150*

Enjoyability: *Drink now or cellar. Pull the cork until 2035 for optimum enjoyment.*

ON THE VINE

The stellar 2013 vintage in Napa Valley began with a warm spring that brought early bud break and created superb conditions for flowering and fruit set. With the exception of one heat spike, summer temperatures 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 continued dry weather extended these ideal ripening conditions until the last grapes were picked.