



FLORA SPRINGS



WINEMAKER NOTES

Planted on an oak-laden hillside south of Napa Valley's Stags Leap District along the Silverado Trail, our Out of Sight Vineyard is easily missed, hence its name. When we purchased the property in the late 1980s, the wild appearance of the old head-pruned vines suggested years of neglect. Fortunately the vineyard's St. George rootstock was sound, and we spent the next three years re-training the vines onto a more contemporary trellis system that allows air and sunlight to move through and penetrate the leaves and clusters. Today our organically farmed Out of Sight vineyard is one of our most treasured fruit sources. The 2013 vintage begins with vivid aromas of freshly-picked raspberries and blueberries followed by layers of vanilla bean, fresh mint and sage. The dense fruit core joins with earthy tones on the mid-palate, with hints of Applewood bacon and bittersweet chocolate emerging as the wine evolves. Finishing with smooth tannins and an intoxicating mix of licorice and wild berry, this wine can go the distance for another dozen years at least.

ALL THE FACTS

Appellation: *Napa Valley*

Varietal: *100% Cabernet Sauvignon*

Cases Produced: *445*

Aging: *22 months, combination of 80% French and 20% American oak (63% new)*

Suggested Retail Price: *\$125*

Enjoyability: *Drink now or cellar. Pull the cork until 2029 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.