



FLORA SPRINGS



WINEMAKER NOTES

Flora Springs has the distinction of being home to one of Napa Valley's original "ghost wineries" – wineries built between 1860 and 1900 but abandoned in the early 20th century due to the triple threat of the vine disease phylloxera, the Great Depression, and of course Prohibition. Today, some of the ghost wineries still exist as tumbledown ruins, but others, such as Flora Springs, have been renovated and restored to their former glory. Each year we bottle a small amount of estate-grown Malbec in honor of our winery's illustrious history. Featuring a hand-drawn etching of our historic stone cellar, the Ghost Winery Malbec evokes early Flora Springs labels in its look and typeface.

Sourced from two small blocks within the Komes Vineyard in Rutherford, this limited-production Malbec from the highly-acclaimed 2013 vintage will tingle your senses with its aromas and flavors of dark plum, blueberry and blackberry. The wine glides easily over the palate as it gains density and weight, its dark fruit deftly balanced with notes of warm baking spice, bittersweet chocolate and espresso. Get ready for a big, juicy finish that will haunt you until you take another sip!

ALL THE FACTS

Appellation: *Napa Valley (100% Rutherford)*

Varietal: *100% Malbec*

Cases Produced: *290*

Aging: *20 months 100% barrel aged
– 1/3 New, 1/3 1 yr, 1/3 2yr*

Suggested Retail Price: *\$55*

Enjoyability: *Now through 2020*

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.