

NAPA VALLEY

Raymond

## 1 ½ Acre Napa Valley Red Wine 2013



### TECHNICAL NOTES

APPELLATION: NAPA VALLEY

VARIETAL: 82% CABERNET SAUVIGNON, 14% MALBEC, 3% CABERNET FRANC, 1% PETIT VERDOT

ALCOHOL: 14.5% BY VOL.

PH: 3.80

TA: 6.5 G/L

FERMENTATION: 100% BARREL FERMENTED

AGEING: 18 TO 20 MONTHS IN 100%

FRENCH OAK OF WHICH 45% IS NEW FRENCH

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### IN THE VINEYARD

2013 was the inaugural harvest of our meter by meter planting at Raymond Vineyards. Our estate is planted to all 5 varietals of a classic Bordeaux blend and designed to be the truest expression of terroir from our site. This vintage also marks the first year that our vineyards were officially certified both organic and Biodynamic®. Harvested on October 12<sup>th</sup>, a fruit day in accordance with the Biodynamic® calendar, the grapes were in their optimal state for the wine to realize its full potential.

### ABOUT THE VINTAGE

The 2013 vintage in Napa Valley was one of the earliest harvested vintages in years. A warm spring led to early bud break and created the perfect environment for flowering and fruit set. With warm days and cool nights, our team was able to maintain ideal acid levels with optimum, bright fruit flavors.

### CONVERSATIONS WITH THE WINEMAKER

This vintage contains four of the five planted varieties; Cabernet Sauvignon, Malbec, Cabernet Franc, Petit Verdot. The grapes underwent an extended maceration and sat on the skins for 27 day before a native fermentation which lends complexity and depth to the wine before being racked to medium toast, French oak barrels for about 19 months of aging. Only our best Demptos barrels were selected for this Red Wine.

### WINE PROFILE

The grapes in this blend were grown Biodynamically and organically to create a truly harmonious expression of our estate. The 1 ½ Acre opens with alluring aromas of rose petal and fresh golden raspberry with floral notes. This soft and supple blend emanates baking spice, star anise and notes of an earthy forest floor with a soft white peppery spice finish. Well-balanced, this wine will age beautifully for another 25 to 30 years but is very inviting right now.