



## Wattle Creek 2013 Cab-Shiraz Alexander Valley, Sonoma County

### Vintage & Winemaking

The 2013 vintage in Sonoma County 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.

The grapes were fermented warm and the tanks were pumped over 2-3 times a day for color and tannin extraction. The wines were gently drained from their skins and the balance of juice trapped in the skins was lightly pressed away. The resulting individual lots of Shiraz were aged separately and blended just before bottling. The wine aged for 17 months in French oak barrels, no new oak, before bottling.

### Winemaker notes

This blend of equal parts Cabernet Sauvignon and Shiraz from our Wattle Creek estate Ranch is homage to our Australian roots. Sourced from some of the deeper alluvial blocks on the estate these blocks provide some of the intense and rich characteristic of these two wines. Combined they are a bold blend with smooth flavor.

Our 2013 Cab/Shiraz blend, a deep purple in the glass, opens with alluring aromas of black cherry, currants, blueberry and baker's chocolate with hints of leather and clove. Opulent flavors of cherry plums, raspberry and blackberry are complemented with flavors of licorice and a touch of black pepper spice. Big, polished tannins and great structure lead to a long, satisfying finish. Immediately enjoyable, this wine will also age beautifully over the next 5 to 7 years.



<b>Appellation:</b>	<b>Alexander Valley</b>	
<b>Variety/Blend:</b>	<b>Cabernet Sauvignon</b>	<b>48%</b>
	<b>Shiraz</b>	<b>44%</b>
	<b>Petite Sirah</b>	<b>8%</b>
<b>Vintage:</b>	<b>2013</b>	
<b>Oak Maturation:</b>	<b>17 months</b>	
<b>New Oak:</b>	<b>0%</b>	
<b>French oak:</b>	<b>100%</b>	
<b>Alcohol:</b>	<b>14.5 %</b>	
<b>Production:</b>	<b>324 cases</b>	