



## 2013 District Collection Diamond Mountain Cabernet Sauvignon



### TECHNICAL NOTES

**APPELLATION:** Diamond Mountain District, Napa Valley

**VARIETAL:** 100% Cabernet Sauvignon

**ALCOHOL:**

**PH:** 3.77

**TA:** 6.2 g/L

**AGEING:** 18 months in French Oak, 45% new French Oak

### IN THE VINEYARD

Our Diamond Mountain District Cabernet Sauvignon is harvested from some of the highest and oldest vineyards in the Napa Valley. Our Cabernet Sauvignon grapes benefit from volcanic soils and direct sunlight on one of the few south facing slopes, resulting in grapes with brighter acidity and bold, powerful tannins.

### ABOUT THE VINTAGE

"Early, even and excellent" are three words used to describe the 2013 Napa Valley growing season and harvest. A warm and dry spring saw early bud break and created ideal conditions for steady flowering and even fruit set. A lengthy stretch of warm days and cool nights during the long summer months maintained optimal vine activity. Light rains in September had nearly no effect on Napa Valley's treasured wine grapes that found optimal ripeness, bringing exceptional quality to the crush pad and into the cellar.

### CONVERSATIONS WITH THE WINEMAKER

After harvesting on October 11<sup>th</sup>, the grapes were fermented on the skins for 27 days. After a native fermentation, the wine was gently pressed, racked and aged for 18 months in a mix of Saury and Demptos French oak barrels, 45% new French Oak. Tightly grained, French oak barrels from forests in the center of France impart their oak on wines slowly for a consistent, well-rounded aging process while yielding subtle oak influences to the Cabernet Sauvignon.

### WINE PROFILE

Our 2013 Diamond Mountain District Cabernet Sauvignon offers up mountainside aromatics of briary bright red fruit and notes of mocha and roasted oolong tea. Upon the dense mid-palate, mulling spices and plum are complemented with big mountain tannins and hints of cherry and peppercorn. This wine presents a nice structure intertwined with complex aromas.