

N A P A VALLEY

Raymond

## 2013 SMALL LOT COLLECTION

### NAPA VALLEY MALBEC



#### TECHNICAL NOTES

**Appellation:** Napa Valley

**Varietal:** 100% Malbec

**Alcohol:** 15.5%

**pH:** 3.61

**TA:** 6.2 g/L

**Aging:** Aged for 20 months in French Oak,  
20% new oak

**Case Production:** 150 cases

#### IN THE VINEYARD

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

Our Small Lot Collection Malbec grapes come from two vineyards, one in the center of Yountville whose wetter soils next to the Napa River allow the texture of the Malbec grapes so shine. The other vineyard in the North East corner of Napa is nestled in a secluded valley where the heat brings out the fruit and spice of Malbec. Fermentation took place for 19-21 total days on the skins. This Malbec is 100% barrel-aged for 20 months in Demptos, Leroi, and Saury French Oak barrels, 20% new.

#### WINE PROFILE

The inaugural 2013 vintage of our Small Lot Malbec opens with bright fruit aromas of pomegranate and boysenberry with notes of bergamot and plum. This dense, juicy wine is made in a Bordeaux style, with flavors of mulberry, coriander, black pepper and a touch of oak. Big and luxuriant in the glass, our 2013 Malbec is a wine to be enjoyed with a variety of hearty dishes.