



Wattle Creek 2013
“Triple Play” Red Wine Blend
Alexander Valley, Sonoma County

Winemaker Notes

This blend opens initially with powerful aromas of sweet -ripe black berries, jammy wild berries, wilted rose, notes of mocha, dark chocolate and toasty undertones. The aromas evolve with air and patience, bringing to the forefront subtle, sweet, floral notes and a rich cherry scent. This wine's flavor echoes the aromas displaying ripe, juicy, vibrant wild berry and blackberry notes that are intense and concentrated and saturate the palate. The tannins are soft and coat the mouth, while the fruit flavors lend a pleasant sweetness. The finish is long and persistent with wonderful dark berry and earth notes that carry on. Enjoy!

Vintage & Winemaking

2013 was a classic California vintage an early bloom followed by a heat wave gave the vineyards a kick start and has some worried we may be picking by the 4th of July. Fortunately some cooler weather prevailed and allowed for the extended hang time needed to make a truly excellent vintage. By late August the warmer summer weather returned and allowed for some beautiful sun kissed fruit to reach peak maturity.

The grapes were fermented warm and the tanks were pumped over 4-5 times a day for color and tannin extraction. A small amount of Viognier was co-fermented with the Syrah grapes, about 6%, to lift aromatics. The wines were gently drained from their skins and the balance of juice trapped in the skins was lightly pressed away. The resulting Syrah was aged and blended with a small amount of Petite Sirah prior to bottling. We put the free run wine (drained out of the fermenter and not pressed with the grapes) to all French Oak barrels. This Rhone inspired blend aged for 15 months in barrel before bottling.

Appellation:	Alexander Valley
Variety/Blend:	88% Syrah , 6% Viognier, 6% Petite Sirah
Vintage:	2013
Oak Maturation:	15 months
New Oak:	30 % new, 30% -1 YO, 40% older
French oak:	100%
Alcohol:	14.5%
Production:	800 cases