



VINTNER & GROWER



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## 2013 TOCAI FRIULANO

### WINEMAKER NOTES:

Tocai Friulano, and its synonymous variety Sauvignon Vert, can be found planted in about 10 vineyards statewide in California.. About half of these parcels would be considered “old vines” (planted pre 1950). Our Tocai Friulano vines reside on a small area of land in the center our gravely Cabernet Sauvignon soils. Through history, the grapes found their way into some of Napa Valley’s most iconic cellars – including Chappellet and Stony Hill.

We started to make the wine again in 2006 and only do so in the best vintages. We feel fortunate to bottle a small amount of this versatile white wine each year and are committed to honoring the past while we look toward the future — earlier this year we decided to graft some more Tocai Friulano on rootstock that borders the patio of our new Barrel Hall and Lark Room. It has been a pleasure watching the old, tense, twisted vines shed their skin and renew themselves each year and now we can look forward to introducing a younger counter-point that takes Larkmead into the next phase of our history.

This bottling is the first release from what will be an exciting vintage for Larkmead. We harvested the Tocai Friulano on Labor Day; the earliest we’ve brought the grapes into the cellar. In some vintages, the Tocai hangs out longer then the Cabernet Sauvignon surrounding it, but with the moderate, low moisture vintage for these old, dry-farmed vines, the maturity was expedited and created a wine with a great balance of rich texture and freshness.

The wine has an inviting nose of pear blossom and a hint lime zest over a creamy almond core. In the mouth, the fruit, floral and nuttiness remain present and develop on a surface of lemon oil before the variety’s natural salinity cleanses the palate. We recommend drinking this wine for the next 2-3 years while experimenting with serving temperatures - when cold the wine will be racy and refreshing; but when served at cellar temperatures, the wine will start to show its depth and richness.

- DAN PETROSKI, WINEMAKER



PRODUCTION:  
157 Cases

FRUIT:  
100% Estate grown fruit, produced and bottled at  
Larkmead Vineyards

VARIETAL COMPOSITION:  
81% Tocai Friulano  
19% Sauvignon Blanc (Musque Clone)

ALCOHOL:  
12.5%

