

Petit Bâtard

2013 NAPA VALLEY

RED WINE

A classic second label, Petit Bâtard is the “illegitimate offspring” of Xtant — offering the vineyard provenance and winemaking pedigree of its parent at a more accessible price. Always crafted from the best Napa Valley Bordeaux varietals, premium Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot and Malbec, Petite Bâtard is perfectly suited for dinner tonight or, perhaps, ten years from now.

What is a Second Label?

The tradition of second label Bordeaux wines dates back to the 17th century. The term refers to a label that is bottled using grapes that are imperfect in the eyes of the winemaker and not suitable to make the cut of the first label. However, Petit Bâtard enjoys the same level of winemaking as Xtant, with the distinction between the two made only in the final blend. Winemaker Jeff Gaffner employs gentle, meticulously monitored, small-lot winemaking and extended barrel aging to promote the seductive richness and supple texture that make Petit Bâtard such an incredible Napa Valley value.



Jeff Gaffner, Winemaker

Xtant winemaker Jeff Gaffner is a third generation winegrower who began his career at Chateau St. Jean under the tutelage of renowned vintner Richard Arrowood. Jeff credits Arrowood with teaching him the importance of being as passionate about spending time in the vineyard as well as the cellar. While at

Chateau St. Jean, Jeff was part of the winemaking team responsible for the winery's celebrated 1996 Cinq Cepages, *Wine Spectator Magazine's* Wine of the Year. In the years since, Jeff has become one of the most sought after winemakers for artisan labels, having gained critical acclaim and a loyal following for his vineyard focus and elegant style. *The Wall Street Journal* has said that they “love his vineyard voice”, while the *Wine Spectator* has lauded his winemaking as “deft”.

