

PLAYING WITH FIRE Napa Valley Red Blend

2013



The 2013 growing season began ahead of schedule and was one of the earliest starts in a decade. The early start, due to a dry winter, was tempered by a warm and dry spring. The weather stayed surprisingly beautiful without major rains or frost to diminish the crop. The Valley experienced consistently warm temperatures throughout the summer, with only one rainstorm, and minimal heat spikes above 100 degrees. Harvest began a few weeks earlier than normal, allowing winemakers the opportunity to pick grapes at optimal ripeness and without duress from Mother Nature. We achieved intense flavors and excellent color extraction, with fine tannins and firm acidity. Quality and quantity all came together with the 2013 vintage.

TASTING NOTES

Deep garnet red in color. Seductive aromas of ripe black cherry, plum and baking spice lift out of the glass and evolve with nuances of mocha, black tea and fresh floral bloom. Bold, black fruit on entry softens into supple, yet complex layers of boysenberry, chipotle spice and a touch of mineral earthiness. Full bodied, lush and satisfying, with plenty of ripe summer fruit flavors. This playful wine lingers on the palate with fresh dark fruit, savory herbs, cinnamon and a thread of toasty vanilla that unfolds into a harmonious, lingering finish.



Appellation: Napa Valley

Varietal: 38% Malbec, 32% Cabernet Sauvignon,

15% Cabernet Franc, 15% Merlot

Alcohol: 14.5%

Cooperage: 100% French oak, 70% new

Production: 620 cases

