

# CLOS DU VAL

2013 MERLOT  
NAPA VALLEY

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<b>APPELLATION:</b>	Napa Valley
<b>COMPOSITION:</b>	86% Merlot, 11% Syrah, 3% Petit Verdot
<b>FERMENTATION:</b>	Traditional stainless steel tanks with 2 pumpovers daily
<b>AGING:</b>	18 months in 25% new oak
<b>ACID:</b>	5.73 g/L
<b>pH:</b>	3.64
<b>ALCOHOL:</b>	14.1%
<b>SOIL TYPE:</b>	gravelly clay loams
<b>AGE OF VINES:</b>	21-30 years
<b>HARVESTED:</b>	September 5 - October 7, 2013
<b>BOTTLING:</b>	May 2015
<b>PRODUCTION:</b>	1,332 cases produced

## WINEMAKER'S COMMENTS

The 2013 Merlot is a luxurious, full-bodied wine showcasing delicate complexity. Opening with aromas of black cherry and plum, flavors of clove and blueberry cover the palate with a hint of vanilla. Balanced tannins and a smooth, caramel finish make this the perfect pairing for a multitude of cuisines.

## HARVEST

Harvest 2013 was the second in a row where we were blessed with not only great quality, but plenty of quantity. The conditions during spring and through flowering were dry with nice, warm weather that was perfect to establish a bountiful crop. Summer was plenty warm, with consistent temperatures through the growing season. The vines were able to ripen their fruit at a consistent pace with no rush to harvest. The weather was cooperative, with no significant rain to dampen the great conditions. We couldn't be happier with these wines from an outstanding season.

## HISTORY

Clos Du Val, French for "small vineyard estate of a small valley," was founded in 1972 in the renowned Stags Leap District. The winery was first recognized for its Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon at the famed Judgment of Paris in 1976, establishing its place as one of Napa Valley's most iconic winery estates. Still family-owned today, Clos Du Val farms 350 acres of estate vineyards in the Stags Leap District, Carneros and Yountville appellations and continues to craft wines of balance and complexity, showcasing the fruit from the outstanding terroir on which our estate lies.

