

CLOS DU VAL

2013 CABERNET SAUVIGNON NAPA VALLEY

APPELLATION:	Napa Valley
COMPOSITION:	92% Cabernet Sauvignon, 7% Merlot, 1% Petite Sirah
FERMENTATION:	Traditional stainless steel tanks with 2 pumpovers daily
AGING:	18 months 25% new oak
ACID:	5.5 g/L
pH:	3.7
ALCOHOL:	14.1%
SOIL TYPE:	Gravelly clay loams
AGE OF VINES:	28 - 29 years
HARVESTED:	September 3 - November 1, 2013
BOTTLING:	June - July, 2015
PRODUCTION:	30,000 cases produced

WINEMAKER'S COMMENTS

This wine delivers everything we are looking for from a great vintage. The color is an inky purple hue and the wine has aromas of black fruits, baking spices, dark chocolate and leather. The palate is rich and complex, full of flavors of berry pie, mocha, cedar, black pepper and vanilla toast. The texture is creamy, round and full with well structured tannins that are approachable now or will cellar well for decades.

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.

