

# DALLA VALLE

*Vineyards*



## 2013 MDV

100% CABERNET SAUVIGNON

HARVEST DATE: 20TH SEPTEMBER

OAK AGING: 100% NEW FRENCH

The 2013 vintage, which fell in the second year of an extended drought in California, produced wines with remarkable concentration, aromatic brightness, and a strong sense of place. On our vineyard, which sits several hundred feet above the valley in the eastern hills of Oakville, both the Cabernet Franc and the Cabernet Sauvignon grapes arrived at the winery with an intense character, and great varietal definition. In the winery, the grapes seemed to extract quickly, with loads of color, and ample tannins. Even going straight to barrel the wines seemed fully formed, though with a very firm tannin profile.

This wine is a special bottling offered from a small number of barrels of the absolute best wine produced from the Maya Block of Cabernet Sauvignon on our estate. The wine that inspired us was a tiny bottling of the same wine produced in 1999, which was never released to the public. Tasting this wine after nearly 15 years in bottle, we were awed by its expression, power, and refined character. With the strength of the 2013 vintage, it was clear that we could again produce such a wine. For us, this is a wine that captures the essence of Napa Valley's signature variety, grown in an area that is arguably its best match in the world. As the winemaking employed is rather simple, this wine is a testament to the power of the vineyard. It is a showstopper, remarkable in its density, opacity, and generosity. It puts forward all of the hallmark notes of this noble variety; black fruits, earth, menthol and flowers, within a solid framework of powerful but well burnished tannins. We will produce this wine only in exceptional vintages, and judging from the first bottling six, it should age beautifully for many years.