



## 2013 PROPRIETARY RED NAPA VALLEY

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| HARVESTED   |  | September 14 - October 15, 2013  |
| VINEYARDS   |  | Pahlmeyer Estate, Stagecoach, Rancho Chimiles                                    |
| BOTTLED     |  | May 5, 2014  |
| COMPOSITION |  | 81% Cabernet Sauvignon, 7% Merlot, 6% Malbec, 3% Cabernet Franc, 3% Petit Verdot |
| ALCOHOL     |  | 15.2%  |
| WINEMAKER   |  | Kale Anderson  |

### VINTAGE NOTES

The 2013 growing season was ideal due to healthy vine stress brought on by drought conditions and nearly perfect weather throughout. This vintage will be one of the most heralded in Pahlmeyer history as the wines are explosively delicious, characterized by rich color, delicate aromas, silky mouthfeel and intense mouth-coating flavors. The aging potential is enormous and these wines are likely to delight generations to come.

### WINEMAKING NOTES

Proprietary Red is a masterful blend of five Bordeaux varietals, crafted from 75 individually fermented lots. Each varietal was harvested and processed separately. Grape clusters were gravity-fed onto a vibrating table with two screens to sift out materials other than grapes while we removed by hand any fruit that did not pass visual inspection. After gentle destemming, individual berries were then run through another hand-sorting pass to ensure only clean fruit was delivered into the fermenters. After five days of cold maceration, the fruit entered primary fermentation for two to six weeks, then gently basket pressed. 15% of the wine was fermented in French oak 500L puncheons, and the remaining in new Seguin Moreau Icone and Taransaud French Oak barrels and aged for 20 months.

### TASTING NOTES

Dark garnet in color and nearly black at the core, the wine opens with concentrated aromas of ripe blackberry and wild blueberry, delicate notes of red raspberry and lavender, and a fresh waft of crushed slate. The silky entry is intense with cassis, black cherry and bitter chocolate, yet bright with red cherry and plum, grounded by notes of crushed stone. This powerful wine crescendos into a long, lingering finish.

Extraordinary in its depth, complexity and concentration, this wine requires time, patience and decanting. Best after 2020 it will reveal increasing opulence over time, and age gracefully well beyond twenty years of cellaring.

### REVIEWS

“Gorgeously sweet tannins, voluptuously textured, full-bodied, stunningly rich the full fruit spectrum, terrific aromatics and a real opulence and richness. This could be a 20-year wine in the making.” **93-95+ points**. Robert Parker, Wine Advocate