# Bennett Lane 2013 Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon



## Vineyard

The fruit for this wine comes from three different Up-Valley vineyard sites, including our own Lynch Family Vineyard Estate and Bennett Lane Vineyard Estate in Calistoga. The other site is the Taplin block of Leweling Vineyards on the St Helena valley floor. Each of these sites provides a distinctive Northern Napa Valley flavor profile, with rich, dense aroma and mouthfeel.

# **Growing Season**

The 2013 vintage is definitely living up to the hype and splendor that the wine community is bestowing upon it. With a nearly ideal growing season, we saw perfect spring bud break and a growing season full of warm days and cool nights all throughout the summer. The fall rains waited until post-harvest, which enabled us reach optimal ripeness for the year.

#### Vinification

The grapes for this Estate Cabernet Sauvignon were hand sorted and picked on each of the vineyard sites. Once crushed and processed at the winery, the juice was cold soaked for 3 days before yeast inoculation. After fermentation, the wine was barreled down in 30% new French oak and aged for 22 months.

### Winemaker's Notes

The wine opens with aromas of crème de cassis, dark cherry, and raspberry with subtle notes of baking spices and mocha. On the palate the wine has incredible weight, with flavors of Bing cherry, dark chocolate and rich caramel. The finish is sturdy and elegant with incredible length.

#### **Technical Info**

#### **Gold Medal SF Chronicle Wine Competition**

Appellation: Napa Valley	
Composition: 80% Cabernet Sauvignon, 10% Cabernet Franc & 10% Petite Sirah	Alcohol: 14.9%
Release Date: February 2017	<b>pH:</b> 3.82
Total Cases: 1,100	<b>TA:</b> 5.17g/L