

PATEL

NAPA VALLEY

Vintage: 2013

Varietals: Merlot, Malbec,
Petit Verdot
Cabernet Sauvignon

Appellation: Napa Valley

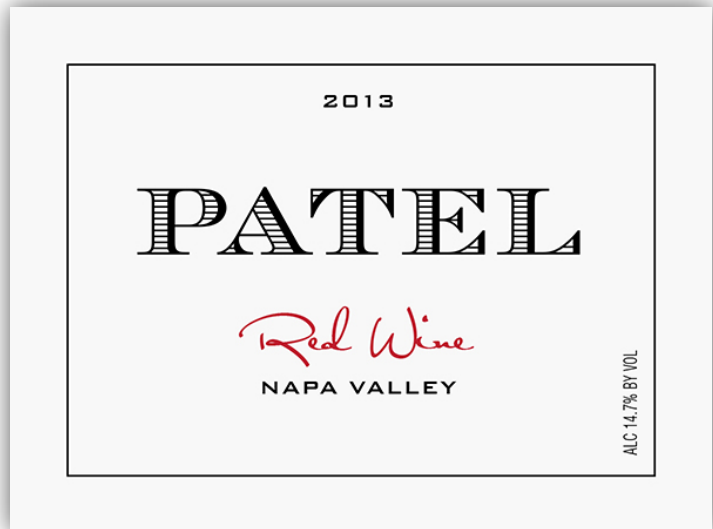
Aging: 19 months in
100% New French Oak

Cooperage: Darnajou
Ana Selection

Bottling: May 29, 2015

Production: 175 cases

Release Date: Fall 2016



Notes:

PATEL 2013 Red Wine is our tribute to classic Right Bank Bordeaux-style red wines. Merlot and Petit Verdot make up the majority of the 2013 offering, which gives the wine its rich dark color, floral notes and polished tannins. Cabernet Sauvignon was added for structure and a velvety mouth-feel. Malbec adds dark fruit flavors and fills out the mid-palate.

The 2013 Red Blend is dark, fleshy and succulent, with gorgeous up-front fruit and terrific overall balance. Sweet red cherry, plum, pomegranate and spice notes are all pushed forward. The ripe, voluptuous style holds plenty of near and medium-term appeal.

~ Antonio Galloni, Vinous – October 2015

Vintage:

The 2013 vintage in Napa Valley was one of the earliest in recent history with above average yields. A warm dry spring brought early bud break. With the exception of one heat spike, temperatures were optimal, resulting in notably healthy vines through veraison and ripening. Following mid-September rains, sunny, breezy weather dried out the vines. Cooler, sunny weather throughout October extended the hang time, allowing sugar levels to remain steady while flavors continued to mature.

Vinification:

Arriving in small picking lugs from the vineyards, the clusters were hand sorted, de-stemmed and hand sorted again, berry by berry. A two day cold soak was followed by primary fermentation in small, open-top stainless steel tanks. The fruit was gently pressed after an extended maceration and the wine was moved to barrel for secondary fermentation. The wine was aged for 19 months in rare 100% New French Artisan Oak barrels with minimal racking. Multiple blending trials determined the final blend, which was bottled unfined and unfiltered.