

# PATEL

## NAPA VALLEY

**Vintage:** 2013

**Varietal:** Cabernet Sauvignon

**Appellation:** Napa Valley

**Aging:** 19 months in  
100% New French Oak

**Cooperage:** Darnajou  
Ana Selection

**Bottling:** May 29, 2015

**Production:** 155 cases; 30 magnums

**Release Date:** Fall 2016



### Notes:

PATEL 2013 Napa Valley Cabernet is a blend of our Rutherford and Coombsville Vineyards. The wine shows an ultra-deep garnet color in the glass with an expressive nose. The lush palate offers a generous mélange of rich black fruit and mocha, gently interlaced with smooth tannins.

*The 2013 Cabernet Sauvignon (Napa Valley) is bold, direct and powerful, with considerable intensity and tannic clout to back it up. Black stone fruits, lavender, spice and new leather all hit the palate in this intense, powerful, brooding wine.*

~ 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.