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VINEYARDS

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2013 Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon

Vintage: 2013

Appellation: 100% Stags Leap District

Blend: 99% Cabernet Sauvignon,
1% Petit Verdot

Winemaker: Heather Pyle

100% New French Oak for 21 months

Production: 24 Cases

Alcohol: 14.6%

Brix: Average 26.5

pH: 3.75

Total Acidity: 6.5 g/L

Tasting notes: The Reserve is the color of rich red velvet and almost opaque due to the density. The aromas combine red fruit, like a baking berry pie, sage and allspice with a touch of vanilla, leather and forest-floor. The flavors are very dense but soft with a smooth entry and continuity that leads to round, full tannins and no edginess. This wine will age for a very long time due to its firm backbone of acidity and ripe tannins. Enjoy until at least 2030.

Vintage notes: 2013 started warm and dry and we were all anticipating an early start to the season. A years worth of rainfall that all came in November and December was followed by dry weather for the rest of winter. Bud break was early and that always makes us nervous for spring time frost, but fortunately warm weather continued through the spring and there were no cold nights. A hot spell around the 4th of July interrupted what was an otherwise pleasant summer of cool nights, foggy mornings and warm afternoons, perfect ripening conditions for Cabernet and Petit Verdot. Nearly ideal weather continued into fall allowing fruit to reach full maturity and complexity. Harvest began with the in early September and finished around October 10th.

We are proud of our vineyards and the fruit that they bear.