



### **WINE STATISTICS**

<b>BLEND:</b>	79% Merlot; 10% Petit Verdot; 7% Malbec; 3% Cabernet Sauvignon; 1% Cabernet Franc
<b>VINEYARDS:</b>	73% Sangiacomo El Novillero; 17% Pickberry; 8% Rancho Salina; 2% Magnolia Farms
<b>APPELLATION:</b>	Sonoma Valley
<b>HARVEST DATES:</b>	September 5 <sup>th</sup> through October 10 <sup>th</sup> , 2013
<b>SUGAR AT HARVEST:</b>	24.4 degrees Brix average
<b>FERMENTATION:</b>	up to 12 days in stainless steel tanks, punched down 2-4 times daily
<b>AGING / COOPERAGE:</b>	Aged 24 months in 20% new French, Hungarian and American oak barrels
<b>ALCOHOL:</b>	13.8% by volume
<b>ACIDITY:</b>	TA = 0.68 g/100ml; pH = 3.30
<b>PRODUCTION:</b>	665 cases (12 x 750ml)
<b>RELEASE DATE:</b>	January 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2017
<b>WINERY RETAIL:</b>	\$30 per 750ml bottle

### **WINEMAKER'S NOTES**

*This classically structured Merlot is crafted in the Bordeaux style that Walter Schug pioneered in California while winemaster of Joseph Phelps Vineyards (1973 to 1983). The Merlot grapes were grown on the **Sangiacomo** vineyards in the Carneros district of southern Sonoma Valley. This cooler microclimate provides the longer growing season necessary for Merlot to ripen slowly and develop maximum flavor, while retaining good acid balance. This Merlot has a spicy bouquet, deep color and exhibits full-bodied flavors of cherry, blackberry and spice. Try it now with grilled fish, pasta, lamb and steaks, or cellar it for 5 to 7 years.*