

THE WINE

This 100% Napa Valley wine is a blend of Cabernet Sauvignon (fifty-five percent) and Cabernet Franc (forty-five percent). A selection of vineyards were chosen that provide excellent drainage, correct sun exposure, correct spacing and airflow between clusters. These chosen vineyards produce lots of wines that offer deep aromatic intensity and rich fleshy flavors.

Different vineyard lots were fermented and aged separately prior to blending and bottling. The Cabernet Sauvignon remained on the skins for thirty-three days to allow for tannin extraction and softening, while the Cabernet Franc was pressed at dryness for maximum aromatic retention. Consistent with the S.P. Drummer style of winemaking, and in order to develop mouth feel and textural components, multiple rackings were employed in the first years of the aging process. The wine was aged thirty months in fifty percent new French Oak.

Alcohol: 14.2% TA: 5.5 G/L pH: 3.76 Total Cases: 280

TASTING NOTES

The intensity of aromatics push forward with exotic flowers, violets and lavender reflective of fine Cabernet Franc. Ripe black cherries and plums with layered cassis aromas fill the glass and the senses. Flavors start as a layered core of ripe stone fruits that are deep and complex, full in the mouth, and yielding muscular, but velvety, tannins. The summation of both Cabernet varieties yields a lush and elegant wine.

THE STORY

Scott Peterson is a seasoned winemaker and consultant with twenty-five years of winemaking in California, South America, and Europe. Scott graduated with a degree in Fermentation Science from the University of California, Davis, and has been a winemaker at Villa Mt. Eden, Conn Creek and Kendall-Jackson wineries. In the last ten years, he has worked as a consulting winemaker with an international clientele producing wines in California for several projects in both Napa and Sonoma counties, while at the same time working in Argentina as winemaking consultant for Nicolas Catena and in Chile under a joint venture in Colchagua Valley. In the same period, he has been active producing his own wines from select Napa and Sonoma Valley Vineyards under the S.P. Drummer and Rumpus labels.