



## SEQUOIA GROVE

W I N E R Y

### 2013 HENRY BROTHERS VINEYARD CABERNET SAUVIGNON

Dark reddish-black in color, this complex Cabernet Sauvignon has aromas of dark berries and plums and savory notes of black pepper, licorice, tamarind, forest floor, tar, and graphite. On the palate, the wine is very mouth filling and round with layers of black fruit, and a touch of black pepper, finishing with integrated tannins. Cellar 10-15 years.

#### **HARVEST & WINEMAKING**

The fruit for this wine comes from the local St. Helena doctor, Brian Henry, who helped deliver many of the children of Napa Valley winemaking royalty. His Seventh Day Adventist family goes back three generations in the Napa Valley. He and his three hardworking sons felled the trees for this northeastern facing vineyard on Howell Mountain, and planted the land with various clones of Cabernet Sauvignon, in addition to Merlot and Petit Verdot. The Merlot was harvested on October 15, 2013, the Cabernet Sauvignon was harvested October 4 & 17, 2013, and the Cabernet Franc was harvested on October 17, 2013, all averaging 28.6 brix.

The grapes were hand-harvested and cluster and berry sorted before a two-day cold soak. After inoculation with French yeast, the wine underwent small-batch fermentation, with gentle pumpovers 2-3 times per day. In barrel, the wine underwent malolactic fermentation and was racked twice before bottling in June 2015.

#### **THE 2013 VINTAGE**

The 2013 harvest was unbelievable in many ways, coming after the amazing 2012 vintage, 2013 was even more amazing. The floods at the end of 2012 set us up nicely to weather the dry season of 2013. Hardly a spec of rain fell for the entire season. The growth season started earlier, giving us plenty of time to ripen another solid crop. Harvest was a dream. This was the first vintage in a long time where the moderate fall temperatures meant winemakers were truly able to take their time—no rain nor heat spikes to get in the way of bringing in nearly perfect grapes. Many are confidently saying that this vintage looks to be the vintage of the decade.

#### **WINE STATS**

Cases produced:	450
Alcohol:	14.4%
TA:	5.7 g/L
pH:	3.83
Blend:	78% Cabernet Sauvignon, 17% Merlot, 3% Cab Franc, 2% Petit Verdot
Oak:	22 months in barrel, 78% New French Oak
Appellation:	Howell Mountain, Napa Valley