



### HISTORY

Our VIP Selection 5-Barrel Cuvée has quickly become a passion project of our family winery and represents the very finest of artisanal winemaking at Dry Creek Vineyard. Each harvest, Winemaker Tim Bell selects the very best lots to craft this exclusive wine, created entirely with our VIP club members in mind. Every detail of this wine is tended to with incredible care, including using various winemaking techniques to coax out deep, rich flavors, while maintaining tannic integrity. Even the five barrels that we so lovingly refer to are carefully selected for our premier Cabernet wines, chosen to deepen the color and intensity, without overpowering the concentrated flavors. The resulting Cabernet Sauvignon is rich and full-bodied with robust tannins and purity of fruit.

### GROWING SEASON

The 2013 harvest will be remembered as a season of near perfect growing conditions. It was also one of our driest seasons on record. By mid-January, it seemed that Mother Nature turned off the rain spigot. Overall, winter was extremely mild. Spring budbreak was normal with frost of little or no concern. The summer growing season was outstanding with moderate temperatures. A few heat spikes in late May and early June had us thinking it would be an unusually warm summer. However, July, August and September were beautiful with moderate temperatures. Harvest conditions were excellent. Yields were normal and the quality was superb with all varietals achieving optimal ripeness levels.

### WINEMAKER COMMENTS

This exquisite Cabernet Sauvignon begins with lively aromas of bright red cherry fruits, cassis and thyme. Several more minutes of airing reveal intense characteristics of black raspberry jam and cedar with underlying dried herb qualities. The palate is full and rich with elegant flavors of black raspberries and dark chocolate. The complexity and depth of flavors last from start to finish with textured tannins and a persistent lingering finish. This wine highlights the incredible quality of fruit that the Dry Creek Valley has to offer. Aging potential: 9-12 years.

RELEASE DATE	December 2016
BLEND	76% Cabernet Sauvignon, 19% Malbec, 5% Petit Verdot
APPELLATION	Dry Creek Valley
HARVEST DATES	September 24 - October 17, 2013
ALCOHOL	14.5%
RESIDUAL SUGAR	Dry
FERMENTATION	10 - 15 days in fermenters at 84°F; pumped over twice daily.
BARREL AGING	18 months in French oak
PH	3.73
TA	0.61 g/100mL
SOILS	Rocky, well-drained
VINE AGE	3 - 26 years
YIELDS	4-5 tons per acre

