



# RED MARE WINES

## 2013 . Alpha Mare Red . Napa Valley

Our 2013 Alpha Mare is a blend, with a base of the Blossom Creek Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon. This outstanding Calistoga vineyard has captured our hearts in its ability to produce rich and balanced wine. Blended to this, is a touch of our Coombsville Malbec, melting into the Cabernet and creating a fascinating counterpoint which brings forward depth and breadth in the mouth as well as the spice and blue fruit in the nose. This wine has an intensely seductive nose with sappy blueberry, violet candy, lavender, baking spices, spun sugar and graphite. In the mouth it is big, broad and rich with ripe cherry, sweet vanilla and savory herbs. It is full bodied with hints of espresso and a nicely balanced, velvety finish.

### 2013 Vintage Notes:

2013 was a knockout year; a well-balanced crop and a warm and steady growing season produced outstanding fruit. The three words most used to describe this vintage are "early, even and excellent." Like 2012 before it, we were blessed with lovely hang time conditions through October, allowing us to take our time scheduling picks without any significant weather events forcing our hand. It was a year of abundance and high quality.

### Vineyard & Winemaking Notes:

Alpha Mare is the leader of the herd. This wine is Anne's carte blanche and represents the best of her craft and experience in winemaking. The Cabernet Sauvignon base for our Alpha Mare Red hails from the Blossom Creek Vineyard in the Calistoga Appellation. With a sloping aspect providing consistent airflow and a slight northern exposure, this site is protected from extreme heat and produces exceptional quality grapes.

Barrel fermentation in small 225L oak barrels results in slower, cooler fermentation. The shape and size of the barrel produces a submerged cap. Gentle and consistent, this method of extraction gives mouth-filling, lush, and broad tannic structure. The use of native yeast adds to the complexity, and a co-fermentation of Cabernet Sauvignon with Malbec creates a round, vibrant, and pleasing wine with intense color and depth.

Production: 125 cases

TA: 5.95 g/L

pH: 3.79

Alc: 14.9%

100% French Oak

87% New Oak

65% Barrel Fermented

Vineyard or Appellation Breakdown:

97.5% Blossom Creek ~ Calistoga ~ Cabernet Sauvignon

2.5% Farella Vineyard ~ Coombsville ~ Malbec