



# RED MARE WINES

## 2013 . Red Mare Wines . Napa Valley . La Vaquera

Our 2013 La Vaquera has a dark, dense inky black/purple color with thick legs and concentrated viscosity. In the nose, it has a deep ripe cassis driven aroma with huckleberry compote, vanilla, caramel, and strong black tea melding together. In the mouth, this wine is very generous. It has a beautiful, gentle entry that builds to a mouth-filling silky texture. There is a lovely arch to the wine's tactile experience, filled in with concentrated dark fruit and a savory element. This is all balanced with a gentle acid which keeps the wine crisp, fresh, and mouth-watering. The wine is dry, with a clean and lingering 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:

When a bit of our Malbec, Petite Syrah, and Petit Verdot were left over after blending the Cabernet Sauvignon, we experimented by tossing them all together, creating a rich, inky and powerful “mountain” blend. It was so distinct and so delicious, that we decided to bottle it.

La Vaquera is “the cowgirl” in Spanish, and this wine is our little cowgirl. She isn’t following any rules. An untraditional blend and a bold character, this wine is always pushing the limits. The flavors and spiced texture are excellent when paired with the flavorful smoked meats or wild game. This wine hails mainly from the Swickard Vineyard in the northern reaches of the warm Calistoga AVA. Appropriately, it is owned by the founders of Five Dot Ranch, the well-regarded organic meat producer, and purveyor.

Production: 121 cases

TA: 5.88 g/L

pH: 3.93

Alc: 14.95%

100% French Oak

20% New Oak

Vineyard & Appellation Breakdown:

Swickard Vineyard ~ Petite Sirah

Bennet Lane Vineyard ~ Petit Verdot

Farella Vineyard ~ Malbec