2013 Tectonic Red Wine Blend
Alexander Valley

GROW
2013 was a year of great flavor development and concentration in California. In our northern Sonoma region of the Alexander Valley, the harvest came somewhat early and we extracted more structural ‘framework’ tannins that bring a bigger mouthfeel to the wine. Abundant sunshine and minimal weather events during the season made for a crop that matured steadily and evenly. This allowed us to optimize our time working with each blend component.

Our vineyard sources in the Alexander Valley range from valley floor to benchland to hillside parcels. Each of these distinct growing areas brings a complementary component to the final blend. For this wine, our vineyards are sourced on the eastern slopes of the Alexander Valley where the fruit is largely shaded from the intensity of afternoon sun and is somewhat later to mature than other sites allowing for elegance and structure in the wine.

MAKE
Our firmly structured, yet luscious Tectonic blend is named in honor of the phenomenal Geothermal Steam fields for which Geyser Peak Mountain was renowned. This remarkable geologic wonder captured the imagination of settlers in the area in the 1850’s and the geothermal activity continues to ‘rock’ our region on a daily basis. The geologic activity created the soils that today produce our singular fruit.

Blending across varietals and vineyards facilitates a unique canvas for creativity. Cabernet Sauvignon and Petit Verdot are harmonious partners that bring vibrancy and depth to this blend. Grapes were hand picked during September and October then partially crushed. Each varietal was fermented separately in stainless steel followed by 100% malolactic fermentation. The final blend was aged 18 months in French oak barrels of medium and medium plus toast (25% new).

TASTE
The delight of blending is found in the interplay of flavors and layering of texture and structure. The 2013 vintage features an inky, dark garnet color with aromas of ripe dark cherry and blackberry notes with mocha, clove and a hint of vanilla. On the palate, concentrated fruit flavors of ripe cherry and luxuriant blueberry exhibit a lush, rich, and bold tannin structure.

APPELLATION:
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VARIETAL BLEND:
85% Cabernet Sauvignon
15% Petit Verdot

ALCOHOL 13.5%
TA  6.02 g/L
pH  3.63
R.S.  0.90 g/L