



## 2013 Barrel Blend

**Production:** 4,987 cases (plus 25 bottles at 3L)

**Composition:** 50% Merlot, 13% Malbec, 12% Cabernet Sauvignon, 10% Syrah, 8% Petit Sirah & 7% Zinfandel

**Vineyards:** Beau Terre, Red Door, Windy Flats, Baker, Bardessono & Hansen

**Appellation:** Napa Valley

**Elevation:** Valley floor & hillsides

**Cooperage:** 10 months in 40% new French oak

**Alcohol:** 14.8%, TA 0.55, pH 3.76

**Bottled:** August 6, 2014

**Release date:** TBA

**Release price:** \$28.00

The Hill Family Estate Barrel Blend is put together with the help of Kyle Knox, a great surfer and a wine professional, who loved the idea of “being in the barrel” as both a wine term, and a surfing term. 2013 was a great year especially for Merlot that just burst with berry fruit and great color. The Petit Sirah was again a great asset for density, color, and texture, and in combination with the Zinfandel from Wooden Valley, really added perky spice to our lovely base of Malbec, Merlot, and Cab.

### **Winemaker Alison Doran’s tasting notes:**

The Barrel Blend has an elegant nose with sweet caramel trying to knock down all the fruit trying to escape the glass. The wine has a lovely gliding palate, with all sorts of red and black fruit; raspberry, plum, cranberry, boysenberry, blueberry.