



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.