



THE GRADE  
CELLARS

## THE GRADE 2013



Variety:	100% Cabernet Sauvignon
Appellation:	Napa Valley   Calistoga AVA
Proprietors:	Brenda Mixson & Tom Thornton
Winemaker:	Thomas Rivers Brown
Release Date:	March 2016
Release Price:	\$110 per 750ml; \$285 per 1.5L
Vineyard:	Winfield Vineyard (100% Estate Grown) Old Toll Road, Calistoga, CA
Harvest Date:	Blocks 1 & 5: October 5, 2013
Vines:	Block 1 – Clone 7/Rootstock 110R Block 5 – Clone 337/Rootstock SO4
Cooperage:	100% French Oak from Treuil and Jarnac (60% new)
Aging:	20 months; Bottled June 25, 2015
Panel:	14.5% Alcohol; 3.96 pH; 6.0 g/L Titratable Acidity
Production:	395 cases

### Winemaker's Tasting Notes:

*"In 2013 there was an abundance of positive confluence regarding wine grape growing for The GRADE. One of the main goals in the vineyard each year is to take a step back and reflect on how to do things better and more advantageous given the conditions of the site. 2013 was a year where our adjustments in farming practices really began to show in wide-scale balance and evenness in both Blocks 1 and 5. On top of the quality farming, we had an exceptional growing season that went deep into the fall allowing the fruit to fully mature at a steady pace. That is what every grape grower and winemaker hope for every year, and that positive confluence comes through in the finished wine.*

*Nuanced aromas of orange zest, spiced plum, gravelly soil, and sandalwood emanate from the glass. The palate has a very uniform, fine set of tannins that progress evenly from front to back encompassing notes of lavender, charred meat, nutmeg and blueberry extract. With a solid 3 hour decant this wine will show remarkably well today and with 3-5 years in your cellar it will unfold and reveal all the finer points of what good farming, a stellar vintage and a natural approach to winemaking can accomplish together." T.R.B.*