

2013 HERITAGE BLEND Napa Valley

THE BLEND

41% Charbono 24% Petite sirah 18% Carignan 7% Zinfandel 7% Valdeguie 3% Riesling

PRODUCTION

548 cases

RELEASE DATE

May 2015

STATISTICS

harvested —
August 28 - September 12
21.8° brix at harvest
12.9% alcohol
5.6 g/L total acidity
3.69 pH
aged 12 months in French oak

WINEMAKERS

John Williams Paula Moschetti

VINEYARDIST

Frank Leeds

A BRIEF HISTORY

Frog's Leap purchased the historic Rossi Vineyard on Rutherford's western bench in 2007. Planted amongst its 52 acres of mostly Cabernet sauvignon and Sauvignon blanc grapes were some older, historic varieties rarely seen in modern Napa Valley. These vines (and the pre-Prohibition winery on the property) provide a direct link to our heritage and serve as a profound reminder of the responsibility we have as stewards of the land. Very quickly we decided to retain as many of these older vines as was possible and more importantly, we decided to add to them by the plantings of other heritage varietals. When the project is complete the entire acreage in front of and around the iconic water tower and old cellar will be planted to heritage varietals, grapes that were popular here a century ago.

The most interesting wines in the world tell a story: the story of this wine is the celebration of the history we share with the Rossi Family and its 99 year farming legacy.

ABOUT THE WINE

Much has been written about the superlative 2012 vintage yet most winemakers I know are as excited or more for their '13s. Certainly it is the case with our 2013 Heritage wine: a beautiful amalgam of warm California summer fruits that pays tribute to the classic 'field blends' of yore. Blueberry flavors mingle with just a touch of 'peatiness' reminiscent of that rustic charm of the south of France. With its taut but alluring character, this wine will win you over and invite you to be more daring in your cuisine pairing...I'm going with bouillabaisse!