

# PICO & VINE

2013

NAPA COUNTY

MERITAGE ~ RED WINE

## WINE NOTES

### TECHNICAL INFORMATION:

Appellation: Napa County

Varietal Composition: 74% Merlot, 12% Petit Verdot,  
7% Cabernet Sauvignon, 5% Malbec, 2% Cabernet Franc

Total Acid: .58g/100ml

PH: 3.53

Alcohol: 14.0%

### • VINTAGE •

2013 was the quintessential growing season in Napa. Spring and summer temperatures were mild with plenty of warm days and cool, foggy nights. During late summer, moderate heat gently coaxed the grapes through veraison and helped to ensure optimal ripeness at harvest time. Red wines of this vintage are deeply colored with intense fruit flavors and supple tannins.

### • WINEMAKING •

After harvest, each lot was gently de-stemmed to minimize bitterness and fermented at a warm temperature to accentuate color and flavor extraction. Post fermentation, the wine was carefully racked off the solids to age for several months in oak prior to bottling.

### • WINEMAKER'S NOTES •

Meritage wines are crafted solely from specific "noble" Bordeaux grape varieties. Pico & Vine is a Merlot led blend that opens with aromas of black cherry, plum and blueberry. Flavors of black fruit abound along with hints of vanilla and cedar. Tannins are firm yet supple while the finish is lingering and dry. Enjoy with aged cheddar or Gruyère cheese, rib eye steak or hearty tomato-sauce based dishes.

