



THE VINEYARDS:

50% Sonoma Carneros Merlot Sangiacomo Vineyards
40% Sonoma Valley Cabernet Sauvignon
10% Napa Valley Cabernet Franc Blair Estate Vineyards

The Sangiacomo Merlot comes from a vineyard on the southwestern edge of Sonoma Carneros on a rocky, wind blown site. Utilizing Bordeaux clone 181, which produce limited yields of small clusters and tiny berries, this site provides the core fruit and character of this merlot-based blend. The Blair Vineyard Cabernet Franc gives seductive black .oral aromas and palate entry richness. The Sonoma Valley Cabernet Sauvignon, from fully mature eighteen year-old vines located in a warmer area of Sonoma Valley near Glen Ellen, provides tannic structure and fruit density.

THE WINE: This is the second vintage of Sonoma Valley blends from S.P. Drummer. The goal is to create a blend of Sonoma Valley wines based on cool climate Merlot with the aromatic component of Blair Cabernet Franc and textural components of Cabernet Sauvignon. This blend is atypical of California Bordeaux blends because merlot, not Cabernet, is the core. The aromatics are intense with notes of ripe black plums, the palette's core tastes of black stone fruits, especially like Santa Rosa plums, with balanced acidity and mouth-coating tannins. The three vineyards were fermented separately in open top tanks and aged in a high percentage of new French Oak.

Alcohol: 13.9 %
Total Acid: 5.8 g/L
pH: 3.72 pH
Total cases: 880 6-bottle cases produced
100 3-bottle 1.5 L cases

THE WINEMAKER: Scott Peterson is a seasoned winemaker and consultant with sixteen years of winemaking in California, South America and Europe. Scott graduated with a degree in Enology from the University of California, and has been a winemaker at Villa Mt. Eden, Conn Creek and Kendall-Jackson wineries. In Argentina, he worked as winemaking consultant for Nicolas Catena, producing the Nicolas Catena Zapata, Catena Alamos, and Gascon Wines, and in Eastern Europe he has served as winemaking consultant to the USAID. Scott is currently affiliated with a new joint venture in Chile's Colchagua Valley, and in California, he is involved in several projects in both Napa and Sonoma Counties. He is also active in producing his own wines from select Sonoma Valley sites under the Rumpus label.

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