



## **2013 Pirate TreasuRed** **Winemaker Notes/Fact Sheet**

**Pirate TreasuRed** returns for its 7th swashbuckling vintage, 2013. There's no reason you can't have a bit of fun with high quality wine and, trust me, we do! I make wine from a number of different varieties each year to be able to have more blending options. (It's a bit like adding more colors to your palette if you are an artist.) The first year I worked on this wine (2007) the result was not what I expected, but something even better. The blend I came up with was so delicious that an entirely new wine was born. Because the original blend used seven varieties, the 'treasure of the seven seas' idea was a natural and so was the Pirate name. Each year the blend changes slightly, but the 2013 once again has seven varieties; Cabernet Sauvignon, Syrah, Grenache, Merlot, Petit Verdot, Cabernet Franc, and Petite Sirah. As you can imagine, it's a pretty big, black, raucous blend, completely mouth filling and bold, yet made with finesse.

### **Just the Facts:**

Harvest Dates – Sept 16-Oct 2, 2013

Blend of 7 varieties: Cabernet Sauvignon, Syrah, Grenache, Merlot, Petite Verdot, Cabernet Franc, and Petite Sirah

Some Chemistry- 14.7% alc. T.A. 0.59, pH 3.78

100% French oak barrels, 40% new, 22 months in barrel, variety of coopers

Bottling date: June 24, 2015

Release date: Sept 1, 2016

Production: 1015 cases (2030 6-packs) and 25 cases of magnums (signed)

**Tasting Notes** (tasted 9/1/16 by HPB)

***The fabulous 2013 vintage delivers a dark ruby red wine with wide open aromatics of ripe black & red fruits layered with toasty French oak. A smorgasbord of aromas so pure and layered leads you to a big silky mouthful of deliciousness on the palate. Fruit is berry and plumlike, oaky notes are moderate with caramel and vanilla hints, tannins are refined, acidity is balanced, flavors persist a long time. Everything you could want in a red blend - Yummy stuff indeed.***

Pirate TreasuRed arrives properly in a six bottle wine case printed to look like a treasure chest. The glass bottles resemble rum bottles. We used an old map of Napa Valley for the treasure map label but on our map Napa Valley floats like an island. Where X marks the spot is my house in Calistoga. Mermaid cove is marked with our La Sirena mermaid. I won't give all the fun of the back label away but, it's in "Pirate speak" and begins with, "Avast ye salty bilge rats!" You will undoubtedly love reading it aloud in your best pirate accent. And, when you toast with your friends the appropriate toast is "ARRRRGH!" I hope you enjoy drinking this wine as much as we enjoy making it.

Our production at La Sirena is always small, focusing on fine wines of purity and excellence, the best that can be made. Wishing you all the best!

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