

BETZ

FAMILY WINERY

2013 Père de Famille Cabernet Sauvignon

The 2013 Père de Famille benefitted noticeably from “The Tale of Two Vintages”. The mid-September cool-down allowed additional hang time for our both Cabernet Sauvignon and Petit Verdot. This extra time on the vine brought complexity and character to both varieties. They show all the density, richness, and generosity one would expect from such a warm season, (the warmest since 2003) with extra dimensions of aromatic complexity and structural depth that have come to exemplify the 2013 vintage. The cooler weather also acted to preserve acidity while allowing the tannin to ripen further. The result is a wonderfully integrated mouth feel with layers of fruit, fresh vitality, tension and dramatic length.



The high percentage of Cabernet Sauvignon (89%) gives the 2013 Père de Famille a vibrant, ruby-purple hue. The breadth of aromatics is exciting: expressive red currant, blackberry blossom, leather, crushed bay leaf, thyme and star anise all jump from the glass. The palate is dense and penetrating, offering an elegant, vibrant structure which moves into a finish filled with red fruits and spice. This vintage of Père de Famille is quite unique, combining the accessibility of a warm vintage with the aromatics and aging ability of a cool growing season.

