



## 2013 “EQUIPO” RED BLEND

"Equipo" is the Spanish term for "team," and we are fortunate to have had the same team ever since we first planted our vines. As an homage to them, we allocated a portion of our vineyard to our “equipo,” and gave them full control over that section. The crew is entrusted with farming decisions regarding irrigation, fertilization, pest control, pruning and everything else Mother Nature might throw at them! They feel a sense of pride and ownership, knowing that the grapes from their vines are destined to become an “Equipo” wine, and we look forward to collaborating with our crew on this wonderful project for years to come.

The release of our 2013 “Equipo” red blend is exciting. The team’s block of Cabernet Sauvignon was aged mostly in neutral oak with a bit of Petit Verdot added for depth. Bright raspberries and cherry show in this wine with red currant and caramel. This wine is drinking beautifully right now to share with family and friends or your “Equipo!”

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<b><u>Varietals:</u></b>	80% Estate Grown Cabernet Sauvignon 20% Estate Grown Petit Verdot
<b><u>Alcohol:</u></b>	14.6%
<b><u>Harvest Dates:</u></b>	October 1 - October 14, 2013
<b><u>Barrels:</u></b>	45% new French oak, 55% used French oak
<b><u>Barrel Aging:</u></b>	21 Months
<b><u>Bottling Date:</u></b>	August 20, 2015
<b><u>Total Production:</u></b>	625 cases

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### **2013 Growing Season:**

2013 was a great year in Happy Canyon. A fairly mild spring, with light frost and winds, gave our vines ample time to bloom and set a healthy crop - one of the largest crops in the past decade! The mild spring, coupled with very low rainfall and a warmer than usual summer, helped to stress our vines just perfectly. This resulted in our 2013 wines attaining perfect ripeness without overly high sugar levels. The 2013 Grassini Family Vineyards wines are powerful yet polished, concentrated and balanced. Harvest was fairly compressed - we started with the Merlot on the 25th of September, began with Cabernet on the 1st of October, and had the last of our reds picked by the 18th of October.

