

## 2013 SHADYBROOK ESTATE CABERNET SAUVIGNON

Nine barrels (219 cases) produced Alcohol by volume 14.3%

"A distinctive, luxurious Coombsville Cabernet. Deep ruby in color, notes of spicy blueberry and black cherry indulge the nose with subtle hints of earthy mushroom, damp autumn leaves, and a dash of white pepper. Explosive red and black fruit balanced with toasty oak on the palate delivers a complex multi-layered cabernet. Firmly structured tannins that linger in your mid to back palate lead to an elegant, long finish. This playful, full-bodied cabernet will age handsomely over the next decade."

Rudy Zuidema, Winemaker

Our 2013 Cabernet Sauvignon is a blend of wines made from small vineyard blocks throughout the estate. Our property, in the eastern hills of Coombsville, has many slopes, valleys, soil profiles, and exposures to the sun that make as many subtle but distinctive differences in the wines made from them. Every year these small blocks are harvested separately as they achieve optimum maturity, fermented separately, and aged separately to best show their unique qualities. They will have different acid profiles, textures, concentration, and flavors, all with a common thread from the vineyard as a whole. We take this spice rack of ingredients and blend them to create a wine that tells the story of Shadybrook Estate Cabernet Sauvignon and the 2013 vintage.

This wine spends 22 months in French oak barrels. New barrels that can add nuances and complexity to the wine are used carefully and only at the right time of aging to enhance the natural flavors of the vineyard. The final wine is a luxurious expression of Cabernet Sauvignon that has all the attributes of a cool climate wine. The hints of earth, coffee beans, ripe black cherry, and fresh herbs are layered together in a thick and dense wine with a velvety texture, juicy mouthfeel, and elegant long finish.