

# 2013 Deerhound

NAPA VALLEY ESTATE GROWN

80% Cabernet Franc, 20% Merlot

RELEASE DATE: May 2016

BRIX AT HARVEST: 26.8

CASES PRODUCED: 198

ALCOHOL: 15.5%

TOTAL ACID: 5.9 g/l pH: 3.82

## *Appellation/Vineyards*

Somerston wines are selected from single blocks of our 1615 acre estate, high in the eastern hills of Napa Valley. This estate bottled wine was sourced from our Deerhound vineyard, Block 72, with an average elevation of 900 feet above sea level. This vineyard grows on well drained rocky soils referred to as a Los Gatos formation.

## *Winemaking*

The Cabernet Franc was hand picked and delivered to the winery. The grapes were de-stemmed and sorted, then pumped into tanks for a 5 day cold soak at 50 degrees. When the fermentation began, we pumped the tank over twice per day. The native yeast fermentation lasted for 14 days. The free run was drained from the tank overnight. The wine was barreled down into 65% new French oak; the balance was put into once used French oak barrels. Malolactic fermentation occurred naturally in the barrel. The wine was aged for 24 months and bottled unfiltered.

## *Tasting Notes*

*“The 2013 Cabernet Franc Deerhound is another winner from winemaker Craig Becker. This blend of 80% Cabernet Franc and 20% Merlot displays lots of spring floral notes (acacia flowers?), forest floor, black and red currants, sweet tannins and a full-bodied mouth feel, but it seems light on its feet, a hallmark of Cabernet Franc. This beauty should drink well for a decade or more.”*

— **92 PTS** ROBERT PARKER, OCTOBER 2015 | [eROBERTPARKER.COM](http://eROBERTPARKER.COM)