



2011

## PAYSAGE

42% Merlot *Clone 181*    30% Cabernet Sauvignon *Clone 15 & 337*    25% Malbec *Clone 595*    3% Cabernet Franc *Clone 214*

Production: 600 Cases • Bottled: June 2013 • 18 Months in Oak

Alc: 14.8%

pH: 3.73

TA: 5.3 g/L

### SONOMA VALLEY ESTATE GROWN

Winemaking is an art form to us, from the vineyard to the glass; and this philosophy inspired us to name our inaugural wine Paysage, a French word meaning “landscape painting” or “countryside.” The name evokes fond memories of St. Émilion’s beautiful terrain, and the blended wines made there. To us, this wine represents a painting of estate grapes nurtured on a rocky bench in the heart of Sonoma Valley, and epitomizes how the Lasseter family views different elements blended into plein air painting - or in this case, blended into a Bordeaux style wine. With intricate brushstrokes and meticulous blending, working alongside our winemaker, Julia Iantosca, we created this wine in the French style. With Merlot as the lead variety, this wine is soft and approachable, its savory, ripe plum flavors enhanced by 18 months of European oak aging. Cabernet Sauvignon and Malbec give this composition full-bodied complexity that pairs artfully with food, especially when enjoyed with good company in beautiful settings.

### JUSTI CREEK VINEYARDS UPPER BENCH BLOCKS

The Lasseter Family Winery estate in Sonoma Valley is rich in historical significance, encompassing organically farmed vineyards and an eco-friendly winery. Justi Creek Vineyards, part of the stunning 95-acre ranch on the outskirts of Glen Ellen, is comprised of three adjacent parcels of land, formerly parts of Rancho Vallejo and Rancho Los Gullicos. Nancy and John Lasseter embarked on an environmentally sensitive upgrading of their property, lovingly restoring the natural habitat and converting the vineyards exclusively to organic farming practices. The pond was completely revitalized, and beehives and insectaries were established in order to provide homes for beneficial insects. The certified organic vineyards are flourishing under the watchful eye of vineyard manager Phil Coturri. Today the land is alive and once again expresses this historical region’s unique terroir: The Upper Bench Blocks are seventeen acres of benchland situated above the valley floor, on undulating terrain known locally as the “Glen Ellen Moguls.” The fast-draining, cobbly soils of these blocks are ideal for the red Bordeaux varieties Cabernet Sauvignon, Cabernet Franc, Merlot and Malbec. They yield exceptional fruit of great depth and true varietal character, which we blend to create our flagship wine, the smooth and luscious Paysage.

*Winemaker: Julia Iantosca*

