



CLOS PEGASE  
NAPA VALLEY

2013  
PEGASO  
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**M**ITSUKO'S VINEYARD, located in the cool Carneros region, and Dunaweal Vineyard, located across the road from the winery, contributed the components for this Napa Valley blend. Each of the lots used in our Pegaso was harvested at perfect ripeness and carefully selected to create a wine that is bold and balanced.

#### HARVEST NOTES

After the exceedingly wet November and December of 2012, 2013 turned drought-like and warm, accelerating budbreak and resulting in an even and fertile bloom. Similar to 2012, warm temperatures continued into the late spring and early summer without significant heat events, prolonged cool periods or measureable rainfall - essentially perfect weather for winegrape growing at the highest level. And, as in 2012, these ideal conditions lead to uniform véraison. As harvest approached, the combination of warmer days and cooler nights ensured full physiological ripeness of the fruit both in terms of fruit flavor development and tannin maturity together with acidity retention so crucial for fine wine balance; however, because the peak daytime temperatures exceeded those in 2012, this vintage was the earliest in over a decade, essentially commencing for Clos Pegase on September 1st and ending October 17th. As in 2012, fruit quality proved superb across all varieties.

#### WINEMAKER NOTES

Each of the lots used in our Pegaso was harvested at perfect ripeness, then individually fermented to ensure optimal extraction of flavor, color and tannin. After fermentation, the individual lots were pressed to barrels in early November to undergo malolactic conversion. Each component was racked from barrel to tank once following malolactic fermentation, which served to clarify and freshen these young wines. The individual wine lots were then returned to barrels to complete aging, with monthly topping to replenish the 'angel's share' lost to evaporation in our caves. The final blend was racked to tank in August of 2015 in anticipation of bottling.

#### TASTING NOTES

The 2013 Clos Pegase Pegaso is a dense purple wine delivering up complex dark aromas of boysenberry jam, black licorice, cola, wild sage and sweet spices, with additional nuances of incense from barrel aging. The bold entry fills the mouth with delicious rich fruit framed by a dense brooding mouthfeel, balanced acidity and abundant integrated tannins. The dark spicy fruit flavors with hints of cocoa and espresso linger on the palate.

#### TECHNICAL INFO

##### VARIETAL COMPOSITION

56% Syrah  
30% Petite Sirah  
14% Zinfandel

##### VINEYARD

56% Mitsuko's Vineyard, Carneros  
44% Dunaweal Vineyard, Calistoga

##### HARVEST DATES

October 9th  
September 14th  
September 28th

##### FERMENTATION

100% barrel fermented

##### AGING

21 months in 35% new French oak

##### BOTTLING DATE

August 2015

##### ALCOHOL

15.5%

##### PRODUCTION

392 cases