

## 2013 MIDNIGHT RESERVE

### A TRADITION OF SUSTAINABLE WINEGROWING

As a fifth generation farm family, sustainable winegrowing is a way of life. We learned early on that to be generational we must be sustainable. As a result, our dedication to improving vineyard practices and health of our surrounding natural environment is how we farm. After nearly 30 years, agriculture continues to be the core of who we are and in 2006 we opened our own winery to show that great wine begins in the vineyard. Our 2013 Midnight Reserve carries on this proud tradition of sustainable winegrowing. -Enjoy! Randall and Brad Lange (The Twins)

### GROWING SEASON

We were fortunate with the weather for much of the growing season, having a relatively dry spring and arid summer that allowed us to have complete control of irrigation. A week of very warm temperatures in the beginning of July spurred an early 2013 harvest, but during harvest the weather cooperated with daytime temperatures in the 80's to low 90's and only in the 50's at night. This was perfect to develop flavor intensity. In mid-September an unexpected 1/2 inch of rain worried us about our late ripening varietals, but we managed crop levels both early in the season and closely after the rains and were rewarded with excellent color and flavor intensity.

### VINEYARD NOTES

By knowing the strengths of each vineyard we distinguish which blocks are ideal for Midnight Reserve. The Cabernet portion of the 2013 vintage is three vineyards, Miller, River Ranch, and Twin Oaks. Our Malbec was harvested at Jahant Woods II, the Petit Verdot is at the doorsteps of our River Ranch homes in the heart of the Lodi Appellation, and both the Merlot and Cabernet Franc came from Miller Vineyard in the Clarksburg Appellation.

### WINEMAKER NOTES

The 2013 vintage showcases the five traditional Bordeaux varietals – Cabernet Franc, Cabernet Sauvignon, Malbec, Merlot, and Petit Verdot. The blend captures the individual characteristics of each varietal and balances an elegant texture with structure and depth. Our classical approach to winemaking focused on handpicking select vineyard lots. With small lot barrel aging for 24 months in predominantly French oak, the wine captures rich dark berry notes that weave together with cocoa accents and toasty oak spices. As anticipated, it is a seamless wine that is robust with lasting flavors.

### WINE STATISTICS

**Varietal.**

72% Cabernet Sauvignon. 18% Malbec. 7% Merlot. 2% Cabernet Franc. 1% Petit Verdot

**Vintage.** 2013

**Appellation.** Lodi

**Barrel Aged.** 24 months French and American

**Alcohol.** 14.8%

**Winemaker.** David Akiyoshi

**Estate Grown**

**Winegrowers.** LangeTwins Family

**Certified Sustainable**



*Lodi, California*