# WATERSTONE

## 2013 STUDY  IN BLUE
## RED WINE, NAPA VALLEY

**Vintage**

*A warm, dry spring brought early bud break in 2013; we experienced ideal conditions for flowering and fruit set.  With the exception of one heat spike in late June/early July, temperatures were consistently in the zone for optimal vine activity.  Early ripening varietals came off the vines by early September, with perfect ripeness and ideal hang time.  Two brief mid-September rains had virtually no impact, as sunny weather dried the grapes almost immediately.  Cool, sunny weather throughout October allowed great flavor development.  Overall, the 2013 harvest was early, even and excellent.*

**Vineyards**

*Well-established hillside vineyards are the foundation of this wine, giving the finished blend its intense inner core of fruit.  The Cabernet Sauvignon, Cabernet Franc and Petit Verdot grapes were sourced from hillsides of Oakville, Rutherford and Spring Mountain District.  Merlot and the Syrah were drawn from Truchard Vineyards in northern Carneros.*

**Vinification**

*The grapes were hand picked at optimum ripeness.  Following destemming, the grapes were stainless steel-fermented and received extended skin contact before being transferred to barrels.  The wine was aged in small French oak barrels for 30 months (80% new barrels) where the wine completed malolactic fermentation.  The wine was racked prior to bottling.*

**Tasting Notes**

*With its blue hues and pronounced blueberry aromas, this distinct blend (61% Cabernet Sauvignon, 23% Merlot, 14% Syrah, 1% Petit Verdot, 1% Cabernet Franc) is a study in blue.  Bordeaux varieties provide the framework, while Syrah transports the blend to a realm all its own.  It's simply, Kind of Blue.*

**Technical Data:**

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| Varietal Composition | 61% Cabernet Sauvignon |
| | 23% Merlot |
| | 14% Syrah |
| | 1% Petit Verdot |
| | 1% Cabernet Franc |
| Appellation | Napa Valley |
| Alcohol | 14.7% |
| TA | 0.60 g/100ml |
| pH | 3.72 |
| Oak Aging | 30 months |
| Oak Cooperage | French oak, 80% new |
| Bottling Dates | August 31, 2016 |
| Production | 800 cases |