

2013 CFM

Appellation: Napa Valley (100%)

Composition: 57% Cabernet Franc, 43% Merlot (Including fruit from the Carpenter

vineyard in St. Helena)

Winemaking: The fruit was punched cap fermented and barrel aged for 39 months in

selected French Oak barrels then blended prior to bottling.

Tasting notes: Cedar-cigar box notes aromatically right up front with hints of classic

sweet clove from the Franc and a deep rose. On the palate the clove, cedar mingles with black fruits and a touch of pepper to form a complex spicy wine with a Bordeaux like minerality accented by currants, pomegranate and black plum. Complex and full bodied, yet bright with

big shoulders and a long finish.

Special Note: This is only the fourth wine I have made in this blend design in my 38+

years of winemaking. For those that have followed my Reserve type Cabernet Francs and Reserve Merlots since the early 80's this will remind many. But don't expect a grocery store Merlot or simple

Cabernet Franc.

Very limited production