

## 2013 Loam Cabernet Sauvignon, Sonoma County

Production: Approximately 157 cases

Appellation: Sonoma County

Composition: 100% Cabernet Sauvignon,

Soils: Positas, Suther, Clough

Alcohol: 14.5 % by volume

Aging: 28 months oak barrels, 100% French

## **Winemaker Notes**

Loam embodies our pursuit of the perfect expression of a wine. Great wine originates in the vineyard, and great vineyards originate in the soil. Most world-renown viticultural regions consist of loam soils; Sonoma County is no exception. Within the loam family of soils is an array of classifications, or "series," identified and catalogued by four distinctive features: composition, depth, slope and geographic location. My family grows Cabernet in twenty three of the distinct Loam soil types, yet felt that only three were worthy of the "Grand Cru" distinction.

The 2013 Loam Cabernet Sauvignon is the proprietary blend of grapes sourced from vineyards planted in Positas, Suther and Clough soils. It is comprised of the best vineyards, grown in the best soil, from the best appellations. Perfectly structured, Loam balances the brightness and focused tannins of hillside fruit with the dense, rich characteristics of fruit grown in the ancient river bed and valley floor soils. The 2013 vintage showcases the power of a 100% Cabernet, while also paying homage to this perfect growing season with ripe fruit and tannins. A harmonious blend of dark fruit, cassis, tobacco, mineral and subtle oak greet the senses. The entry is big and broad, showcasing supple tannins. A seamless mid-palate gives way to a perfectly balanced finish. Enjoyable now with the proper fare, this wine will also age beautifully for 10-15 years.