



## 2013 MERLOT, JACKSON PARK VINEYARD

### OUR ESTATE

For the past four decades, Matanzas Creek Winery has focused on creating site-expressive wines. Throughout the years, our initiatives have remained the same: employ a range of vineyard clones, utilize a variety of fermentation vessels, and explore vineyard techniques to produce thoughtfully crafted, balanced wines — which translates to grace and greater expression in our wines.

### WINEMAKING

Jackson Park Vineyard was planted in 1999 by Jess Jackson and Barbara Banke, allowing the vineyards to have established roots systems, producing wines with extraordinary depth. Jackson Park Vineyards was planted exclusively on clone 181 informally called Petrus clone, even though Petrus has more clones, which is well suited for the coastal influence of the Bennett Valley. The Merlot Clone 181 has low to medium berry size, low cluster weight, medium production level, medium color and medium to high tannin potential and it is highly appreciated on tasting.

### WINE PROFILE

Silky and succulent, the Jackson Park Merlot offers notes of boysenberry, black plum, black mission fig, candied violets, leather and chocolate on the nose. Light tobacco leaves and dark chocolate coat the palate, offering a long and deep mouthfeel.

### VINTAGE NOTES

With plenty of sun, the 2013 growing season was long and warm in Bennett Valley, allowing the vines to enjoy the warmth of the day and the cool, ocean influenced nights. The day and night temperatures were worlds apart, sometimes offering more than a 40° difference between high temperatures of the day and cool temperatures during the night.

### TECHNICAL NOTES

#### WINEMAKER

Marcia Torres Forno

#### COMPOSITION

99.5% Merlot, 0.5% Cabernet Sauvignon

#### APPELLATION

98% Bennett Valley – Jackson Park Vineyard,  
2% Alexander Valley

#### ELEVAGE

36% new French oak  
(64% neutral French oak)

#### ALCOHOL

15.0%

#### TA

6.5 g/L

#### PH

3.55

#### RS

0.3 g/L



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