



**2013 DYER Vineyard Cabernet Franc**  
*Diamond Mountain District, Napa Valley*

**Site Description:** Dyer Vineyard is a 2.3 acre vineyard situated on a bench, mid-slope on Diamond Mountain. The exposition is north facing and the slope is 7-10%. The site is probably an ancient land slide- rocky with fine volcanic soil and gravel ranging from ash to richer red soils. The vineyard was planted in 1993 by Bill and Dawnine Dyer.

**Winemaking Philosophy:** For 22 years we have grown Cabernet Franc in our Diamond Mountain vineyard exclusively for use in our Cabernet Sauvignon Blend. In a few recent vintages we have found ourselves with a surplus of this versatile variety and, in 2013, we decided to bottle a 2 barrel lot as varietal Cabernet Franc. This was a “micro fermentation”, punched down by hand for extraction over 18 days, pressed, and aged in French oak for a total of 20 months.

**Vintage Notes:** A very dry year with total precipitation of 6 inches. April and May were warm and dry. Budbreak and bloom were relatively early and trouble free. The summer was mild with only one heat spike over 100. Perfect conditions in July, Aug, and Sept concluded with harvest on October 2.

**Tasting Notes:** Hightone, floral notes of violets and graphite layer with savory notes of sage and rosemary. A full bodied Cabernet Franc, structured and lush.

**Blend:** 100% Cabernet Franc

**Alcohol:** 14.6%  
**pH:** 3.85  
**TA:** 5.5 g/l

**Winemakers:** Bill & Dawnine Dyer  
48 cases produced

