

FRANCIS COPPOLA

DIAMOND COLLECTION

"The inspiration for the Diamond Collection was a bottle of 1906 Claret we found in the cellar of the Napa Valley property we purchased in 1975. We didn't really know what Claret was but learned it was the British name for Cabernet blends. I liked the word Claret because the definition implied something that was clear and pure, but I was discouraged from using the term because people wouldn't know what it meant.

Despite opposition, I felt strongly about creating a red blend and calling it Claret. I designed a new label and launched the Diamond Collection in 1997 with Black Label Claret, which is our company's most recognized offering. Today, the Diamond collection has 13 varietals in all the colors of the rainbow. The quality and authenticity of Diamond Collection is extremely important because we are a family company and our name is on the label. As such, you can trust that we'll always give you the very best."

—Francis Ford Coppola

FRANCIS COPPOLA DIAMOND COLLECTION 2013 CLARET CABERNET SAUVIGNON

Diamond Collection Claret typically includes some combination of Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Cabernet Franc, Petit Verdot, and Malbec. We harvest grapes from our own estate as well as other Napa, Sonoma, and El Dorado vineyards. This combination of climates results in great complexity and excellent balance. In fact, we joke that our Black Label Claret has a problem offering itself for far less than it deserves. It's a premium wine at a popular price and it has set the bar for the quality of the entire brand. The bottle is distinguished with gold netting in order to convey its prestigious status, a tribute to the way Europe's finest wines were once presented.

WINEMAKER'S NOTES

We thought we'd hit the jackpot with the 2012 vintage only to have another incredible season in 2013. Having great weather two years in a row optimizes the vines and what makes the 2013 vintage even more spectacular than its predecessor. Both red and white varietals developed wonderful concentration and are intensely fragrant and well balanced. This year's Claret offers layers of complexity with robust flavors, richness, and well-hewn tannins.

TASTING PROFILE

Appearance Purple magenta
Aromas Raspberries, plums, tobacco, and oak
Flavors Cherries, cassis, cloves, and toasted vanilla



Corey Beck, Winemaker



<i>Appellation</i>	California
<i>Blend</i>	76% Cabernet Sauvignon, 19% Petit Verdot, 3% Merlot, 2% Cabernet Franc
<i>Alcohol</i>	13.5%
<i>Total Acid</i>	.60g/100ml
<i>pH</i>	3.68
<i>Barrel Regimen</i>	12 months in French oak
<i>Released</i>	December 2014