



2013 LATERAL

Bordeaux inspired assemblage of Merlot and Cabernet Franc from Napa's select vineyards

THE PURSUIT

For Marty Mathis, veteran winemaker, Lateral has been a continual pursuit of quality. Over twentyfive years ago, with the wines of St. Emillion Bordeaux as his inspiration, Mathis set out to create a balanced, luxurious blend from the finest grapes he could access. This pursuit has never wavered, leading him finally to select Napa Valley sources, including top level vineyards such as Robert Sinskey, Yount Mill and Pat Garvey. Lateral has earned a cult following for being quite simply the finest Bordeaux-style blend at its price point. Now featuring organically grown Napa Valley grapes, this label is a masterful expression of Merlot & Cabernet Franc.



THE VINTAGE - 2013 LATERAL

Harmonious, open and gentle nose with inviting and deep aroma of warm cocoa, sweet fruit showcasing themes of cherry chocolate vanilla. Very complex aromas smelling of a modern Napa Valley wine all the while offering a unique right bank Bordeaux personality.

Moderately plush entry but retaining good freshness. Better than average acidity for Napa Valley, with red cherries, mild oak wood flavors followed seamlessly by a long, bright and fruit driven finish.

Overall a very inviting (more elegant than 2012) the 2013 LATERAL strikes a perfect cord for this label's style.... Easy to like yet complex and true.



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THE WINEMAKER

Lateral is an artisan wine, handmade by Chris Condos (Vinum Cellars and Horse & Plow) in concert with owner Marty Mathis. Condos is renowned for his expertise in high quality, small batch wines and his advocacy of *Advanced Organics* winemaking practices. For over twenty years, he has skillfully crafted Lateral, bringing out the greatest possible synergy from these traditional varieties.

