

# THE BRANDER VINEYARD



## Brander 2012 Syrah, Colson Canyon

We consider ourselves remarkably fortunate to be able to work with grapes from Colson Canyon, the widely acclaimed vineyard sited in a rugged and beautiful canyon twenty miles north of our Brander estate. Though relatively close to the ocean, the Colson Vineyard is perched high above the fog line, and this combination of warm- and cool-climate dynamics lends the wines their profound complexity. A dark, nearly opaque garnet in the glass, the nose charts a course through a veritable archipelago of fragrances, weighing anchor at the isles of cardamom, lavender, camphor, Campari, and sun-warmed limestone. The generous palate offers hints of ripe blueberries, Tanzanian peaberry coffee, carob powder, and strawberry preserves. Age this mesmerizing wine for up to twelve years, or pair in the interim with homemade fettuccine with spinach and walnut pesto, venison fajitas with feta and grilled onions, or a black trumpet crostini.



### Technical Information:

Cases Produced: 60

Composition: 100% Syrah; a blend of clones 7 and 877

Vineyard Sources: 100% Colson Canyon Vineyard

Harvest Dates: September 28<sup>th</sup>

Chemistry: Brix: 26.1; pH: 3.45

Winemaking: Aged entirely in one year old, Francois Frères barrels

Bottling date: September 6<sup>th</sup>, 2013

Optimal drinking window: 2014-2019

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