



NEYERS VINEYARDS

2013 Sage Canyon California Red Wine



The idea began to take shape about six years ago, when Tadeo and I first visited the Mourvèdre vineyard planted by Greg Adams at the old Rossi Vineyard in the central Sonoma highlands. The new owner Paul Otellini had replanted a small block to non-clonal selections of Mourvèdre, and the vineyard was breathtaking. Tadeo and I had talked about Rhône variety blends ever since Daniel Brunier broached the subject with us during a trip to Vieux Télégraphe in 2005. Finding the right grapes was always the underlying concern. About that same time, Markus Bokisch introduced us to his Grenache vineyard in the Sierra foothills appellation of Clements Hills – a beautiful parcel of non-clonal Grenache planted on an outcropping of quartz. On the way home after that visit, we stopped in to see Frank Evangelho at his old-vine Carignan vineyard in Oakley. Incredibly, these vines were planted in 1870 and were still producing a tiny crop every year. With the addition of the Syrah from the Sangiacomo Family Old Lakeville Road vineyard, we had all of the elements in place for our version of a Rhône Blend. We named it Sage Canyon Red, after the location of our winery.

It was an immediate success, and we've quickly sold out of every vintage since our initial offering in 2010. Our 2013 Sage Canyon Red promises to be no less successful. The blend is 45% Carignan, 25% Grenache, 15% Mourvèdre and 15% Syrah. The wine will be ready to ship July 2.

Over the years, we've received praise for this blend from a wide circle of admirers, both in France and in the US. We like to think that our understanding of wines from these varieties in the old world helped us craft this one. You'll decide of course, but I think Tadeo nailed it.

Barrel Program	100% Used French Oak
Composition	45% Carignan, 25% Grenache, 15% Mourvèdre, 15% Syrah
Release Date	September 2014
Cases Produced	1037