



HILL FAMILY
E S T A T E



2013 Origin

Production: 672 cases

Composition: 51% Merlot, 23% Zinfandel, 7% Petit Verdot, 6% Cabernet Sauvignon, 6% Petite Sirah, 4% Malbec & 3% Syrah

Vineyards: Beau Terroir, Dunlap, Windy Flats, Apallas & Smith

Appellations: Napa Valley

Cooperage: 40% new oak barrels aged for 16 months (of the new barrels, 55% American Oak 27% French Oak, 9% Truist Hungarian, 9% Stavin French oak)

Alcohol: 14.8% alc, 3.72 pH, 0.51 TA

Bottling date: June 4, 2015

Release date: Fall 2015

Release price: \$45.00

Origin is our chance to create a stylish and intriguing blend from all the possible lots we make, since there are no varietal or appellation strictures – except Napa Valley of course. In a really nice growing year like 2013 when Doug Hill had vineyards to farm from Calistoga all the way down to American Canyon and up to Atlas Peak, there were almost too many lots to choose from. Merlots down at Red Door (Dunlap) and Beau Terroir in Carneros are charming and rich and add structure and plushy fruit to the blend. Syrah is a bit trickier to add to a Bordeaux type blend, but we had some very exotic small lots that will be interesting to watch as they integrate. Malbec and Petit Verdot from Knubis and Apallas, though small vineyards, have also become a big part of the palate structure for the Origin. This year, Zinfandel and Petite Sirah from the Windy Flats vineyard out in Wooden Valley, turned out to be important pieces in the blend, with Cabernet Sauvignon playing a smaller role.