

# NADEAU

*Family Vintners*

## **2014 RVR**

Rhone Varietal Red

### **The Winery**

Nadeau Family Vintners is the result of years of effort by Robert Nadeau and his wife, Patrice. Together they renovated a tiny barn in the mountains west of Paso Robles, transforming it into an efficient, well-equipped micro-winery. Old-world styled vineyards have been planted on the slopes surrounding the building...most of the planting is dedicated to dry-farmed, head-trained Zinfandel, with an acre or so devoted to Grenache Noir and Petite Sirah. Situated at the top of Peachy Canyon, the property is generally above the morning fog and usually receives considerably higher rainfall than seen below in Paso Robles.

### **The Wine**

This medium-bodied blend - comprised of equal parts of Grenache, Syrah, and Counoise - is inspired by the wines crafted in the Southern Rhone Valley of France.

This elegantly-structured wine features a pleasant, round mouthfeel with dark fruit aromas and flavors. French and American oak barrel-aging has given the **2014 RVR** subtle oak tannins accompanied by a variety of spice nuances. The Grenache provides the blend with an earthiness and pepper character, and the Syrah in the blend really pulls the dark stone fruit notes forward. The Counoise lends its grapey, fruity character which really complements this blend. This wine will certainly benefit from additional aging in the cellar.

We enjoy this wine with lamb and other moderately-spiced protein. For Veggie lovers, eggplant cutlets with a tomato/basil sauce would be complemented by this wine.

### **The Blend**

34% Counoise

32% Syrah

34 % Grenache

### **The Vital Statistics**

100% Paso Robles Appellation

100% 2014 Vintage

Harvest date: August - September 2014

The three varieties were fermented individually in closed-top fermentors with commercial (proprietary) yeast. These grapes were fermented for 9 – 14 days on their skins then pressed in a pneumatic bladder press. This wine was racked using a nitrogen blanket and/or gravity. Aged in American and French Oak barrels and tanks until final blending when this wine was racked, filtered and bottled.

The 2014 Vintage yielded just 101 cases.