

#### **CALIFORNIA**

### **CANARD VINEYARD ESTATE**

### CALISTOGA, NAPA

#### The Rescuer







## The History

Situated on the Northwest corner of Dunaweal Lane and the Silverado Trail in Calistoga, the twenty-six acre property is considered a historic vineyard in Napa Valley. The property was the original homestead of Captain Reason P. Tucker, who gained notoriety for leading the efforts to rescue the survivors of the ill fated Donner Party. The residence at Canard was built in 1859 and quickly became the center of social activity in the area during the late 1800s. Zinfandel was planted over 135 years ago and remarkably those dry farmed vines still stand, yielding a small quantity of incredibly elegant fruit which goes into their highly coveted Reserve Zinfandel. Over the years, Merlot, Cabernet Franc, Petit Verdot and of course our Cabernet Sauvignon were planted and have been meticulously cared for using painstaking but extremely effective vineyard practices. Creating wine at this level demands a great deal of discernment and sacrifice and most of it takes place in the vineyard. The result is the culmination of what man and nature can do when they work together in harmony.



# The Grape

90% Merlot, 8% Cabernet Sauvignon, 2% Cabernet Franc



# **Tasting Note**

Named after Reason P. Tucker, who lead the efforts to rescuer the s urvivors of the ill fated Don-

ner Party and who also built the farmhouse in 1859 on what is now Ca-

nard Vineyard. We pay homage to Pomerol with this Merlot driven proprie-

tary blend. It shows star anise, crushed clove, dried sage and black cher-

ry on the nose. Ultra fat mid palate yields to a silky smooth finish of cinnamon toast, fresh blueberries and coffee that will stay with you for a long me. Aged in French oak to create a long-

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