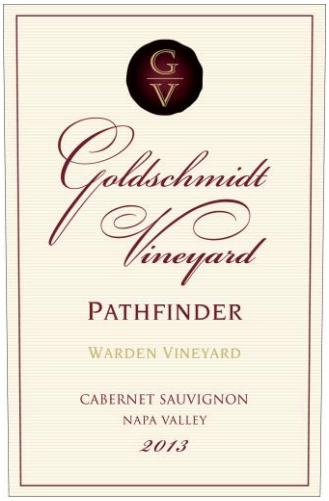
2013

PATHFINDER

WARDEN VINEYARD

NAPA VALLEY

CABERNET SAUVIGNON



TECHNICAL DATA

Vintage: 2013
Harvest Date: Sep 10, 2013
Release Date: Oct 2015
Varietal: 100 % Cabernet Sauvignon
Vineyard: Warden, 5 acres
Avg Vine Age: 35 years
Clone: Field Selection
Yield: 3.3 tons by hand
pH: 3.65
Total Acidity: .62 g/100ml
Alc %: 14.3%
Aging: 12 months
Barrels: 100% French Oak, 50% new
Fining: Not fined or filtered
Cases Produced: 200

Overseeing the land is often a large part of a winemaker's life. Pruning in winter, shoot positioning in spring, hedging in summer, and finally harvest in fall, Nick Goldschmidt has always considered himself a farmer at heart. *The Warden* and G*uardian Vineyard* series is a testament to looking after the land. A closer look is about soils, a critical aspect within successful grape growing. The *Warden* site lies on a gravel base overlaid with alluvial soils washed down from both sides of the valley where it ultimately mixes with the silt, clay and gravel deposits of the Napa River flood plain. This gravel base provides excellent water drainage and allows rooting depths of more than one hundred feet. The Field Selection vines there produce small berries with very concentrated flavors and relatively high tannin. The higher tannin translates into wines with more structure and weight. One sip confirms Nick's watchful eye over these optimal sites.

The 2013 growing season was characterized by drought-like conditions and warm weather. Harvest was early and yields were lower than 2012. Nick Goldschmidt crushed 3 tons of fruit from *The Warden Vineyard* for this vintage.

TASTING NOTE:
Deep ruby; strawberry and red cherry aromas with raspberry and blackberry accents. Lush and plump mid-palate with plum and black cherry flavors. Soft and silky tannins. Shows walnut in the finish.