

# GOYETTE

## *Meritage*

RED WINE

SONOMA COUNTY

2013



Meritage is one of the truest expressions of the winemaking craft. It is, by definition, a blend of Bordeaux varietals to create a wine that is only limited in flavor and structure by the winemaker's imagination. A Cabernet has to taste like a Cabernet. A Merlot has to taste like a Merlot. But a Meritage can be anything as long as it contains two or more of the eight approved varietals for reds, and two or more of the three approved varietals for White Meritage. And no one varietal can be more than 95% of the blend for both. Our winemaker, Bob Goyette, likes to use five varieties with Merlot being the predominant grape. His goal is always to make a big, lush, chewy wine that exhibits the best of his art.

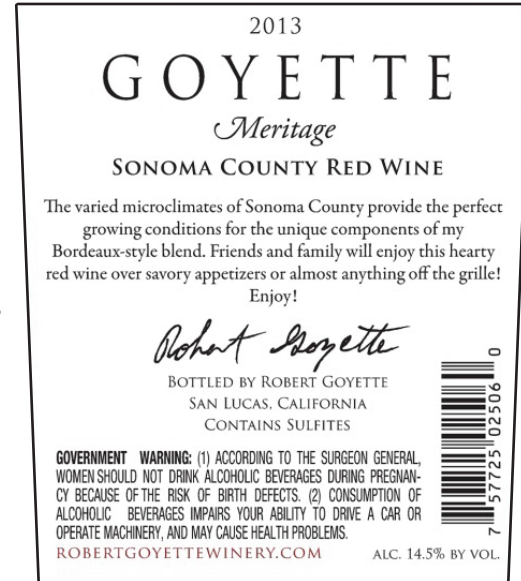
### WINEMAKER NOTES

Aromatics of ripe cherry, boysenberry, and herbal notes with a hint of cedar. Layered flavors of mocha and dark chocolate, blackberries, and ripe raspberries. The mouthfeel is very rich with a long, layered finish surrounded and supported by medium soft tannins with hints of coffee and spice, all held together with sexy, toasted oak.

### PAIRINGS

This wine has the structure to pair with anything you would choose a big Cabernet Sauvignon for. Steak and other red meats, hearty pasta, and pizza with a zesty red sauce.

*Robert Goyette*  
WINEMAKER



Varietals: 54% Merlot, 26% Malbec, 7% Cabernet Sauvignon, 7% Petit Verdot, 6% Cabernet Franc

Appellation: 100% Sonoma County

Alcohol: 14.5%

pH: 3.78

TA: 0.55 gms/100ml

Ageing: 24 months in a mix of 15% New American Oak, 85% Neutral Oak barrels