

**Winemaker's Tasting Notes**  
*Scot Covington – Winemaker*

**Trione 2012 Alexander Valley Red Wine**  
**Henry's Blend**

A tribute to the family patriarch, this deep red wine is a blend of the five classic Bordeaux varieties: 35% Cabernet Sauvignon, 34% Merlot, 13% Petit Verdot, 13% Cabernet Franc and 5% Malbec. Cabernet Sauvignon forms the base structure and Merlot contributes fruit flavors and velvety texture; the Malbec, Cabernet Franc and Petit Verdot add depth, color and spice. A perfect, growing season gave us beautiful grapes, ripe and full flavored. We harvested the fruit from select blocks located on three Trione ranches in Alexander Valley.

**Cases produced: 2093 six-packs**

**Suggested California retail price: \$54**

**Winemaking:** We fermented each variety separately in small, open top vessels. Using a unique irrigation device, we aerated and circulated free-run juice over the cap during the peak of fermentation, gently extracting deep flavors. The wine aged 18 months in French oak barrels (40% new) from coopers *Taransaud, Vicard* and *TW Boswell*.

Alcohol: 14.1 percent by volume

TA: 6.20 g/l

pH: 3.68

**Tasting Notes:** Aromas of black currants, blackberries and plums are the wine's first impressions. The wine is soft and supple on the palate, a seamless integration of ripe fruit, French oak and fine-grained tannins. Delicious now, the solid structure and abundant fruit suggest this wine will age well for 6–7 years.