



**2013 “The Tillerman”**  
Estate Bottled  
Chalk Hill Red Blend  
*“Los Amigos Ranch”*

**THE VINEYARDS:**

Chalk Hill is an appellation with, generally, warmer days than in the rest of the Russian River Valley, with a variety of volcanic and alluvial soils across the western foothills of the Mayacamas range, rising 200 to 300 feet in elevation. Here, at our Los Amigos Ranch, just South of Healdsburg, Cabernet Sauvignon, Cabernet Franc, Merlot, and Sangiovese develop deep, bold flavors.

**THE GROWING SEASON:**

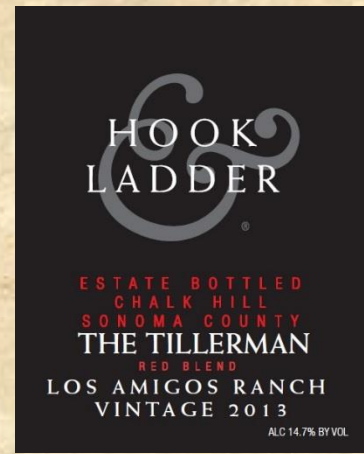
2013 was an absolute gift of a vintage, following a stellar 2012. Evenly warm spring days, little in the way of frost, and steady ripening throughout a long summer growing season culminated in an above average yield, and allowed the fruit to ripen slowly, ensuring maximum flavor and color development.

**THE WINEMAKING:**

With this blend we strive for a boldly flavored, balanced, well-structured red wine. To achieve this, we evaluate various lots and varieties grown at our Los Amigos Ranch. The 2013 vintage yielded delightfully ripe, richly flavored Cabernet Sauvignon, Cabernet Franc, and Sangiovese. We added Merlot to the blend to add opulence. The must was fermented and aged separately in European and American Oak for 17 months before blending and bottling.

**THE WINE:**

In fire-fighting parlance, a “tillerman” steers the back of a hook & ladder truck. Our founder, Cecil De Loach, held this position in the San Francisco Fire Department. The Tillerman red blend exhibits a deep purple and beet red hue, and notes of ripe berries, black cherry, and baking spices on the nose. Layered flavors of black currant and raspberry lead to a long finish of spice and dusty cocoa.



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**BLEND**

47% Cabernet Sauvignon  
23% Cabernet Franc  
20% Merlot  
10% Sangiovese

**HARVEST DATES**

October 3 – 31

**ALCOHOL**

14.7%

**TA**

0.69 g/100mL

**pH**

3.36

**CASES PRODUCED**

9,085

**AGING**

17 month in European and  
American Oak Small Cooperage

16% New Oak

**BOTTLING DATE**

July 15, 2015

**WINEMAKER**

Jason De Loach