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NAPA VALLEY WINEMAKER JOE WAGNER INTRODUCES NEW ADDITIONS TO HIS NAPA VALLEY QUILT BRAND

Quilt Chardonnay and Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon Join the Growing Copper Cane Wines & Provisions Portfolio

(St. Helena, CA; May 17, 2017) – Copper Cane Wines & Provisions announces two additions to the Quilt brand: the <u>2015 Quilt Napa Valley Chardonnay</u> and the <u>2013 Quilt Napa Valley</u> <u>Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon</u>. Fifth-generation winemaker Joe Wagner utilizes his 10+ years of experience with the region to source fruit from a patchwork of prime Napa Valley vineyards.

"We are thrilled to add to the Quilt Napa Valley Cab with a Quilt Chardonnay and Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon," says Wagner. "We have created a classic 'Napa Valley-style' Chardonnay and for our Reserve Cab, blended fruit from Napa's mountainous regions with valley floor Cab to create a bold expression of this variety in style for which my family is known. My goal with Quilt is to showcase what Napa Valley has to offer in terms of bold, ripe flavors and complexity achieved through our sourcing and blending approach."

The **2015 Quilt Napa Valley Chardonnay** is sourced from the Carneros district where the foggier climate and gravelly soil lend structure and minerality. Once autumn was fully underway, harvest began and once in the cellar, Wagner and his team whole cluster press before fermentation for 15 months in French oak barrels (70% new, 30% seasoned). 100% malolactic fermentation while on the lees results in additional creaminess and complexity.

Tasting Notes:

Color: Pale yellow with golden highlights

Aromas: Ripe Fuji apples, honeydew melon, Meyer lemon, tropical fruit and buttery, toasty oak **Palate:** Apple tart, caramelized pineapple, salty popcorn, buttered toast and lemon curd **Structure:** Medium bodied with a complex striation of flavors, a silky texture and a long, satiny finish.

Food Pairing Suggestions: Crab cakes with lemon dill sauce, butternut squash ravioli, Taleggio cheese

Suggested Retail Price: \$35

Cabernet Sauvignon thrives from blending multiple vineyard sites and Napa Valley's unique topographies from mountains to valley floor to benchland contribute both firm tannins and supple fruit. Wagner focused on vineyards with well-draining, low nutritive soils that stressed the vines, resulting in a grape crop with an extraordinary concentration of flavors, colors and texture. The **2013 Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon** is the best 2% of the lots chosen for intensity, complexity and boldness of expression that could withstand a longer aging cycle and heavier use of new French oak. Once in the cellar, the must undergoes a partially frozen cold soak and pump over for two weeks to prepare the skins for proper extraction. After cold fermentation and extended maceration, each lot is moved to French oak barrels (70% new) where it undergoes a secondary fermentation. The final blend of 100% Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon is the conclusion of numerous blind tastings.

Tasting Notes:

Color: Deep dark ruby red

Aromas: chocolate hazelnut cream, coffee beans, dark and dense berry fruits, baking spices along with wild field herbs, tobacco and roasted meats

Palate: blackberry cobbler, crème de cassis, toasted hazelnut, chocolate, toffee and strawberry judiciously balanced with dark berry fruits, licorice, and hints of cardamom.

Structure: Full bodied, supple velvety mouthfeel with a long and satisfying finish

Food Pairing Suggestions: Lamb shank with polenta and balsamic reduction, grilled steak with salsa verde, braised beef short ribs, Brillat-Savarin or Fourme d'Ambert cheese.

Suggested Retail Price: \$100

The 2015 Quilt Napa Valley Chardonnay and 2013 Quilt Napa Valley Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon join the existing 2014 Quilt Cabernet Sauvignon. Quilt wines are available in restaurants and fine wine retailers, nationwide.

About Quilt

Drawing from six prime Napa Valley AVAs, Joe Wagner launched Quilt into the Copper Cane Wines & Provisions portfolio with the intention of representing Napa Valley as a benchmark region for superb Cabernet Sauvignon and Chardonnay. For the Cabernet Sauvignons, fruit was sourced from Oakville, St. Helena, Atlas Peak, Coombsville, Calistoga and Howell Mountain. From an aerial view, these Napa Valley vineyards makeup a Quilt-like patchwork, as represented on each label. For more information, please visit <u>www.quiltwines.com</u>

About Copper Cane Wine & Provisions

Owned and operated by Joseph Wagner, Copper Cane Wines & Provisions is based in Napa Valley and houses a collection of brands that are crafted to offer a touch of luxury for everyday indulgence. The

current portfolio includes: Belle Glos; Elouan Wines; Beran Zinfandels; Carne Humana Wines; Steorra Sparkling; and Böen Pinot Noir. Copper Cane is also home to Avrae, a premium line of cigars, and Mia Marcelle, a luxurious swimwear collection. For more information, please visit <u>www.coppercane.com</u>.