

Raymond



95 Points

2013 Generations Cabernet Sauvignon

The 2013 Cabernet Sauvignon Generations is a wine that comes from both St. Helena and Oakville and is 99% Cabernet Sauvignon, with the balance Petit Verdot. This beauty showcases how much Jean-Charles Boisset has improved the quality of the Raymond wines. There are 2,112 cases of this wine, which has an inky purple color and a beautiful nose of licorice, toasty oak, blackberry, cassis, spice box and forest floor. The wine has great intensity, a full-bodied mouthfeel, terrific balance, and well-integrated acidity, tannin, alcohol and wood. It should drink well for 25-30+ years. (October 2015)

92 Points

2012 Generations Cabernet Sauvignon

The outstanding 2012 Cabernet Sauvignon Generations is a cross-AVA blend from St. Helena, Oakville and East Napa. There are 2,300+ cases of this blend of 97% Cabernet Sauvignon and 3% Petit Verdot. Aged 18 months in 60% new French oak, it reveals a dense purple color as well as lots of licorice, blackcurrant, tobacco leaf and crème de cassis characteristics. Opulent, full-bodied, fleshy and succulent, it should drink well for 10-15 years. (October 2014)

94 Points

2013 St. Helena District Cabernet Sauvignon

Even more impressive than the Oakville release is the 2013 Cabernet Sauvignon St. Helena District Collection, which comes from the west side of St. Helena from a vineyard on Inglewood Avenue. This is 100% Cabernet Sauvignon aged in 56% new French oak for 19 months prior to being bottled unfiltered. There are 460+ cases of this wine, which offers the classic crème de cassis, licorice, tobacco leaf and forest-floor notes, full-bodied mouthfeel, tremendous voluptuousness, and a long, pure, heady finish. This should drink well for 20-25 years. (October 2015)

93 Points

2013 Oakville District Cabernet Sauvignon

The single-sector offerings include the 2013 Cabernet Sauvignon Oakville District Collection, which comes from the east side of Oakville and is 100% Cabernet Sauvignon aged in 55% new French oak for 19 months prior to being bottled unfiltered. These cuvées are much smaller than the Napa Reserve (22,500+ cases versus several hundred to just under 1,000 for the single-sector wines). This wine reveals an opaque purple color and plenty of Christmas fruitcake notes intermixed with incense, cedar wood, blackcurrants, spice box and earth. It is full-bodied, rich and very impressively endowed. It should drink nicely for up to two decades as well. (October 2015)



92 Points

2013 Rutherford District Cabernet Sauvignon

The 2013 Cabernet Sauvignon Rutherford District Collection is 100% from the Rutherford AVA, and again, 100% Cabernet Sauvignon from two clones: clone 4 and clone 34I. It was aged in 45% new French oak for 19 months prior to being bottled unfiltered. The larger cuvée, at 761 cases, this wine offers plenty of dusty, loamy soil notes interwoven with tobacco leaf, black and red currants, spice box and cedar wood. It's a beauty to drink over the next 20 years. (October 2015)

92 Points

2013 Napa Valley Reserve Selection Cabernet Sauvignon

The generic 2013 Cabernet Sauvignon Napa Valley Reserve comes from a mix of sites, ranging from Yountville in the south to Calistoga in the north, as well as some mountain vineyards, such as Atlas Peak. A blend of 91% Cabernet Sauvignon and the rest Petite Sirah, Petit Verdot, Malbec and Cabernet Franc, it has a dense purple color and a beautiful nose of blue and black fruit, licorice, graphite and subtle toast. It spent 18 months in 100% new French oak and was bottled unfiltered. This beauty can be drunk now or cellared for another two decades or more. (October 2015)

91+ Points

2013 Howell Mountain District Cabernet Sauvignon

The 2013 Cabernet Sauvignon Howell Mountain District Collection comes from Cabernet Sauvignon clones 4 and 8 and was aged in 48% new French oak for 18 months prior to being bottled unfiltered. It shows Howell Mountain's telltale mulberry, blackberry and graphite notes, crushed rock and a touch of loamy soil in a full-bodied, heady, rich, concentrated style. (October 2015)

91 Points

2013 Spring Mountain District Cabernet Sauvignon

The 2013 Cabernet Sauvignon Spring Mountain District Collection shows the more blueberry and floral notes that come from this high-elevation site. It's also 100% Cabernet Sauvignon from clone 4, aged 19 months in 50% new French oak. This is a tiny cuvée of only 130 cases, which roughly translates into five or so barrels. Deep ruby/purple, very elegant with notes of incense and licorice intermixed with the blue fruits, this medium to full-bodied wine is pure finesse. Drink it over the next 15 or so years. (October 2015)