



2013

NAPA VALLEY CABERNET SAUVIGNON



TECHNICAL NOTES

APPELLATION: NAPA VALLEY

VARIETAL: 91% CABERNET SAUVIGNON, 4% PETIT SIRAH, 2% PETITE VERDOT, 2% MERLOT, 1% CABERNET FRANC

ALCOHOL: 15% BY VOL.

PH: 3.74

TA: 6.1 G/L

AGEING: 18 MONTHS FRENCH OAK, 30% NEW

IN THE VINEYARD

The grapes for the Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon were sourced from our vineyards in Rutherford and St. Helena, as well as select nearby growers. Our estate vineyards are located on gravelly alluvial fan soils with good drainage, necessary for growing excellent quality Cabernet Sauvignon. The vineyards are diligently monitored throughout the growing season to balance the crop size and quality. Truly a representation of Napa Valley Cabernet at its finest, the blend represents 11 of the 16 districts of the Napa Valley. The dark fruit and tannins come from the fruit in the north while the rich texture is from fruit from the south.

ABOUT THE VINTAGE

The 2013 vintage in Napa Valley was one of the earliest harvested vintages in years. A warm spring led to early bud break and created the perfect environment for flowering and fruit set. With warm days and cool nights, our team was able to maintain ideal acid levels with optimum, bright fruit flavors.

CONVERSATIONS WITH THE WINEMAKERS

The wine spent between 25 and 43 days on skins, then was aged for 18 months in 30% new French oak (mostly Demptos, Saury and Seguin Moreau,). The balance was aged in once and twice-used French oak. The final blend includes small amounts of Petit Verdot, Petite Sirah, Merlot and Cabernet Franc for added depth and complexity. The wine was bottled unfiltered contributing greater texture and presence to the mid palate.

WINE PROFILE

Our 2013 Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon opens with rich aromas of plum and dark red fruits with a touch of mocha and earth. Flavors of dark chocolate, blackberry and raspberry are perfectly accented with a touch of licorice. Enveloping on the palate, this wine has a lingering finish and well integrated tannins. Enjoy this wine over the next 5-9 years.