

2013 CABERNET SAUVIGNON

SONOMA COUNTY

94% Cabernet Sauvignon, 3% Malbec, 3% Petit Verdot

ALCOHOL 14.8% | BOTTLING JUNE 2015 | CASE PRODUCTION 80,000
AGING 18 MONTHS, 100% FRENCH OAK | WINEMAKER CHRIS LOUTON

VINTAGE

High quality, outstanding fruit characteristics and generous yields describe the 2013 harvest. Harvest started slightly earlier than previous years after an ideal growing season that provided optimum temperatures for grapes to ripen. We had a wealth of sunshine and consistently warm days and cool nights, allowing the fruit ample time to develop full, rich flavors with great color and balance.

VINEYARDS

Fruit for our Sonoma County Cabernet Sauvignon comes from our estate vineyards in the Sonoma and Russian River Valleys, as well as from growers in Sonoma County's other top appellations, including Dry Creek Valley and Alexander Valley. Each carefully selected vineyard contributes distinctive and individual qualities to the finished wine.

WINEMAKING

All grapes are gently de-stemmed before cold-soaking for three days to extract optimal color and aromas. The fruit is inoculated with several different yeast strains to build complexity and then fermented in separate lots. Secondary malolactic fermentation occurs in 100% French oak barrels, 18% new oak.

TASTING NOTES

Rated 90 Points by Robert Parker who called it "dense purple in color, with ripe, concentrated fruit." This robust but refined Cabernet has layered aromatics of cassis, black cherry and cocoa with a note of black licorice. Flavors of currant, mocha, vanilla, spice and more dark cherry precede a long, smooth finish. This wine shows off good structure and generous tannins.

ACCOLADES

90 Points | Robert Parker, *The Wine Advocate*

Double Gold Medal | 2016 San Francisco Chronicle Wine Competition



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