

2013 Estate Cabernet Sauvignon Napa Valley



Winemaker's Notes:

Dark, vibrant purple and red hues present in this wine. Blackberry and black plum aromas combine with graphite, espresso, dark chocolate, mocha, cedar, and white pepper. Flavors of black plum, black cherry and currant intermingle with dark molasses and a light vanillin oak with dusty fine grain tannins. This is a structured Cabernet Sauvignon with length, flavor and style.

Growing Season:

The winter presented little rainfall, but this improved somewhat in February and March. Spring was dry and warm and brought nice days to encourage vine growth. The summer continued with excellent weather, warm but not extreme; a theme that continued through the beginning of harvest and beyond. With one rain event in September settling the dust, the harvest continued with excellent conditions and phenomenal ripening. The 2013 growing season was an excellent growing season altogether.

Winemaking:

The fruit was hand harvested in the cool morning hours and brought to the winery in half ton bins. At the winery, the clusters were sorted using a double sorting system. First, the clusters were sorted by hand. The fruit then ran through a small destemmer that removed stems from the grapes prior to the individual berries being sorted, either by hand or with an optical sorter, to ensure that the most ideal grapes were chosen. These berries were delivered to a fermenter where there was a period of resting on skins. Warm fermentation temperatures were encouraged along with gentle cap maceration to achieve the desired color and structure for the wine before an extended maceration time on skins prior to final pressing. The wine was transferred directly to barrel for 18 months of maturation.

Appellation	Napa Valley
Vineyard	Dollarhide Estate Vineyard Rutherford Estate Vineyard
Variety/Blend*	86% Cabernet Sauvignon 8% Petit Verdot 6% Malbec
Oak Maturation	100% French oak (34% new French oak), for 18 months
pH	3.76
T. Acidity	6.0 g/L
Residual Sugar	<0.2%
Alcohol	14.5%
Harvest Dates	September 12 - October 22, 2013
Bottling Dates	June 22-29, July 15-16, 2015
Case Production	18,696 cases
Suggested Retail Price	\$42.00

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