

GRGICH HILLS ESTATE

NAPA VALLEY



Miljenko's Selection
2013 CABERNET SAUVIGNON
RUTHERFORD

VINTAGE: The 2013 vintage was nearly perfect, with consistent sunshine and moderate temperatures. After a wet start to winter in 2012, spring was warmer than usual, triggering an early bud break and flowering and fruit set under sunny skies. With only one heat spike in late June/early July, Napa's typical warm days and cool nights created wonderfully flavorful grapes. We started harvesting about two weeks earlier than usual and never seemed to stop with grapes coming in at a steady pace.

VINEYARD: These grapes were grown at Austin's Vineyard, home to our winery in the heart of the Rutherford viticultural area, one of the world's preeminent sites for Cabernet Sauvignon. Its loamy soils and sunny, warm days create an elegant wine with red fruit flavors and smooth tannins. We farm our vineyards naturally, and they are certified organic.

THE WINE: This 100% Cabernet Sauvignon demonstrates the distinctive finesse and bright flavors of the famed "Rutherford Dust." To capture the fruit's wonderful aromas and structure, we fermented the grapes with indigenous yeast at moderate temperatures that allows the wine to gain flavors and color from extended skin contact. After blending, the wine spent another year and half in barrel to completely harmonize the flavors before bottling. The wine's elegant, voluptuous ripe black fruits and cocoa flavors wrapped in smooth tannins are perfect for savory dishes, such as braised beef, grilled rack of lamb or mushroom pizza.

WINEMAKER'S NOTES

Alcohol..... 14.3% by volume
Fermentation..... indigenous yeast;
3 weeks of skin contact
Harvest date..... October 4, 2013
Sugar 23.9° Brix (average)
Bottling date..... April 13, 2015
Release date..... October 2016
Total acid 5.6 g/L
pH 3.75
Time in oak..... 18 months
Type of oak..... 100% French oak
80% new barrels
Production..... 1,149 cases (12/750 ml.)
Blend 100% Cab. Sauvignon