

GRGICH HILLS ESTATE

NAPA VALLEY



WINEMAKER'S NOTES

Alcohol.....14.6% by volume
Fermentation....indigenous yeast;
4 weeks of skin contact
Harvest date.....Sept. 18 - Oct. 11, 2013
Sugar24.8° Brix (average)
Bottling date.....June 2015
Release date.....May 2016
Total acid5.7 g/L
pH3.63
Time in oak21 months in French oak
Type of oak.....60% new French oak
Production.....16,361 cases (12/750 ml.)
Blend79% Cabernet Sauvignon
12% Merlot
5% Petit Verdot
4% Cabernet Franc

2013 CABERNET SAUVIGNON

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VINTAGE: We enjoyed a beautiful vintage in 2013 with consistent sunshine and moderate temperatures that grapes love. 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 produced healthy vines. We started harvesting about two weeks earlier than usual and never seemed to stop with grapes coming in at a steady pace.

VINEYARD: Our Yountville vineyard forms the heart of our Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon, with grapes from our Rutherford and Calistoga vineyards rounding out the blend. We farm all of our vineyards naturally, without artificial pesticides or herbicides, and they are certified organic. The result is a full-bodied, elegant Cabernet Sauvignon with pure flavors and a pronounced sense of place.

THE WINE: The 2013 Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon enters the glass with a ruby red to brick red color. On the nose it opens with warm notes of strawberry and cranberry and a hint of persimmon and tamarind. Aromas of plum and dried stone fruit emerge after that, with undertones of petrichor and sandalwood. On the palate, this wine is extraordinarily balanced with a soft and sapid tannin structure and a subtle fresh acidity that plays on the black keys. Nimble and precise red berry fruit aromas dominate the front palate while the mid palate demonstrates considerable aromatic complexity of red stone fruit and orange rind with earthy and savory undertones. This wine is developing gracefully in the bottle, showing a still vivacious freshness on the front palate yet developing the complex aromatics of a mature Cabernet Sauvignon on the mid palate.