

B SIDE



VARIETAL COMPOSITION

Cabernet Sauvignon

87% Cabernet Sauvignon
5% Merlot
4% Malbec
2% Petit Verdot
2% Cabernet Franc

APPELLATION Napa Valley, California

WINEMAKER Greg Kitchens

OAK AGING 14 months

OAK SOURCING 90% French Oak, 10% American
100% New

VINTAGE 2013

ALCOHOL 14.5%

PH 3.71 **TA** 5.7 g/L

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2013 CABERNET SAUVIGNON

WINEMAKING NOTES

Our 2013 Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon is a seamless wine that features boysenberry, lavender and cassis aromas followed by toasted coriander and tobacco leaf. A burst of blackberry, black currant and dried cherry flavors are framed by hints of molasses and dark chocolate covered espresso beans. Layers of rich, dark fruit dominate, while toasty oak notes highlight the periphery. Mouth-watering tannins give this full-bodied Cabernet Sauvignon depth and structure.

A carefully crafted blend of primarily Cabernet Sauvignon, the addition of small amounts of Merlot, Malbec, Petit Verdot and Cabernet Franc enhance the complexity of this wine. The fruit was picked at the peak of ripeness, resulting in rich color and balanced flavors. While the Petit Verdot and Cabernet Franc add color and structure, Merlot and Malbec add soft, dark fruit flavors to round out this wine. The bold, tannic body of our Cabernet Sauvignon lends itself to a variety of food pairings. Enjoy with herb roasted chicken and grilled eggplant or hearty braised beef short ribs and polenta.

APPELLATION

Napa Valley is recognized as one of the top wine regions in the United States and it's not surprising. It's unique for the diversity of its soils found in such a small geographical area. Bordered by two mountain ranges, the valley stretches approximately 30 miles north to south, one mile east to west at its narrow northern end and five miles at its widest point near the town of Napa. Its maritime climate of warm days and cool nights coupled with deep, yet not excessively fertile soils make it ideally suited for the cultivation of ultra-premium grapes.

Our 2013 B Side Cabernet Sauvignon is a blend from 10 different vineyards. The majority of the blend comes from a large block just north of St. Helena. This site is warm and allows the fruit to ripen with an abundance of blackberry and blue fruit notes. Fruit from Chiles Valley and Atlas Peak are at a higher elevation where exposure to sunlight is substantial, adding enhanced depth and fruit to the blend. The cooler Oak Knoll cultivates fruit with high tannic strength, which enhances structure. The Merlot and Malbec from Chiles Valley add velvety black fruit notes with a softness to balance the tannins. The Petit Verdot and Cabernet Franc add structure and color to the blend.

VINTAGE

Winemakers have heralded the 2013 harvest's outstanding quality, using words like "early, even and excellent" to describe this year's growing season. Ideal conditions prompted bud break much earlier than expected; the warm, dry spring provided for consistent flowering and fruit set throughout the valley. Vine activity was at its peak due to steady temperatures, and with only one heat spike, the grapes were able to mature on the vines as predicted and preferred. Yields were above average and first pick for most varietals happened about two weeks earlier than the usual, for most growers, this was the earliest pick in a quarter of a century. Cool nights and gentle winds increased quality across the board and helped create wines with personality and complex character.