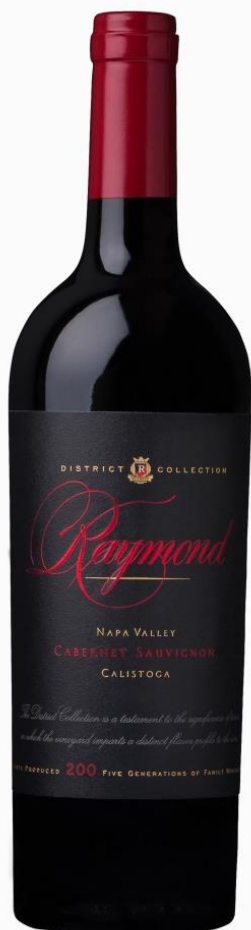


NAPA VALLEY

Raymond

2013 District Collection Calistoga Cabernet Sauvignon



TECHNICAL NOTES

Appellation: Calistoga, Napa Valley

Varietal: 100% Cabernet Sauvignon

Alcohol: 14.5%

pH: 3.59

TA: 7.1 g/L

Ageing: 19 months in French Oak,
45% new French Oak

In the Vineyard

At the foot of Mount St. Helena, Calistoga's warmer climate and volcanic soils produce wines of unmistakable character. With a southwestern exposure and deep, established roots that allow for the use of minimal irrigation, the vines produce berries that were crafted into a wine with excellent flavor, body and overall complexity.

About the Vintage

"Early, even and excellent" are three words used to describe the 2013 Napa Valley growing season and harvest. A warm and dry spring saw early bud break and created ideal conditions for steady flowering and even fruit set. A lengthy stretch of warm days and cool nights during the long summer months maintained optimal vine activity. Light rains in September had nearly no effect on Napa Valley's treasured wine grapes that found optimal ripeness, bringing exceptional quality to the crush pad and into the cellar.

Conversations with the Winemaker

After hand-harvesting between September 25th and October 3rd, the grapes were fermented on the skins for 43 days with a mix of native and inoculated fermentation. After fermentation, the wine was gently pressed, racked and aged for 19 months in French oak barrels, 45% new French Oak. A mix of Demptos, Seguin Moreau and Baron French oak barrels from forests in the center of France impart their oak on wines slowly for a consistent, well-rounded aging process while yielding subtle oak influences to the Cabernet Sauvignon. The result is a balanced wine that is a true expression of the varietal and its terroir.

Wine Profile

Our 2012 vintage, a deep, dark red in the glass, reveals aromas of boysenberry, cassis and huckleberry with a touch of soft spice. The plush entry hits the palate with flavors of fresh baked berry pie and allspice balanced with a hint of oak. Sweet tannins and a structured finish result in a balanced wine that is a true expression of the varietal and its terroir.