Buena Vista Minery

THE ARISTOCRAT



Alcohol: 14.5% TA: 6.02 g/L pH: 3.77

Aging: 100% American oak, 20% new oak for 20 months

Varietals: 66% Charbono, 20% Valdiguie, 10% Petite Sirah, 4% Malbec Appellation: Calistoga, Napa Valley 2013 CALISTOGA, NAPA VALLEY RED WINE

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The 2013 Aristocrat Red Wine from Buena Vista Winery celebrates and honors Buena Vista's founder, Count Agoston Haraszthy, and the pioneering role he played in creating the California wine world. The Aristocrat, true to his legend, is a noble wine with a regal shield adorning the bottle bearing the Haraszthy family crest.

"The Count of Buena Vista," Agoston Haraszthy was a vivacious pioneer whose love affair with grape-growing started in his homeland of Hungary. Born into the landed nobility in Hungary, Harazsthy grew up amidst famed vineyards and orchards that had been in his family for centuries. Surrounded by tales of intrigue and political exile, The Count emigrated from Europe in 1840 in pursuit of opportunity and freedom in the burgeoning American West. Following the forty-niners in search of gold in the hills of Northern California, Haraszthy sought "purple gold" — the perfect 'terroir' for exceptional wine. He ultimately settled in Sonoma, birthplace of California and capital of the shortlived California Republic, where he founded Buena Vista Winery in 1857.

The Aristocrat is a red wine whose grapes were harvested from vineyards in Napa Valley's Calistoga AVA. It unites Charbono, Valdiguie, Petite Sirah and Malbec in a harmonious, elegant blend that evokes the unique terroir of Calistoga.

Intriguing aromas of blueberry, lavender, and shitake mushroom lead to a spreading palate of black cherry, plum and a touch of star anise. Silky tannins and a medium body lead to a long, satisfying finish.