



WINE:

2013 CABERNET SAUVIGNON

CLASSIFICATION:

LARKMEAD VINEYARDS

PRODUCTION:

2,537 CASES

VARIETAL COMPOSITION:

100% CABERNET SAUVIGNON

SOIL PROFILE:

CORTINA (GRAVEL)
BALE LOAM (SAND)
PLEASANTON LOAM (CLAY)

ALCOHOL:

14.7%

FRENCH OAK AGING:

20 MONTHS, 65% NEW
TONELLERIES DEMPTOS & SYLVAIN

TASTING NOTES:

OUR CABERNET SAUVIGNON IS OUR LARGEST PRODUCTION WINE AND AT THE SAME TIME ONE OF THE MOST APPROACHABLE WINES IN ITS YOUTH. THE WINE, TASTED MULTIPLE TIMES PRIOR TO RELEASE, HAS ALWAYS BEEN WARM AND INVITING ON THE NOSE. A CLASSIC MIX OF RED AND BLACK BRAMBLE FRUIT AROMAS DOMINATE THE PERFUME THAT IS ACCENTUATED WITH HINTS OF BITTERSWEET CHOCOLATE. WITH TIME IN THE GLASS AND EXPOSURE TO OXYGEN, THE AROMAS BECOME MORE FOCUSED, HIGH-TONED AND EXPRESSIVE. ON THE PALATE A SIMILAR EVOLUTION OCCURS; AT FIRST THE WINE MAINTAINS ITS DARK FOREST-FLOOR FRUIT CHARACTER, SHOWING MORE BLUE TONES BEFORE THE CRUSHED GRAVEL AND EARTHY FINISH LEAVE THE PALATE FRESH AND WANTING A SECOND SIP.

DRINKING WINDOW:

THE 2013 CABERNET SAUVIGNON IS AN EXTREMELY VERSATILE AND VIBRANT WINE COMPRISED OF MOSTLY YOUNG VINES AVERAGING 10 YEARS OF AGE. THESE VINES ARE PLANTED IN A MIX OF SAND, CLAY AND GRAVEL SOILS; THE DIVERSE SOIL PROFILE PROVIDES THE WINE WITH A GREAT BALANCE ON THE PALATE THAT PORTENDS A SLOW AND STEADY AGING POTENTIAL. THE 2013 VINTAGE WILL BE LONG-LIVED AND THIS WINE SHOULD MAINTAIN ITS YOUTHFULNESS FOR 10 YEARS BEFORE IT BEGINS TO EVOLVE INTO CABERNET'S SECONDARY AND TERTIARY AROMAS AND FLAVORS.

-DAN PETROSKI, WINEMAKER

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