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Vineyards

2013 KNIGHTS VALLEY CABERNET SAUVIGNON

It turns out that 13 is a pretty lucky number! 2013 was drier than normal, but the lack of rainfall did wonderful things to the Cabernet clusters at Linked Vineyards. The vines produced their lowest yields ever (a sad/happy development) with berries that were smaller and bursting with concentrated flavors. Warm days, cool nights and no heat spikes through harvest allowed the tiny clusters of intense fruit to build perfect acidity and big, soft tannins.

The 2013 Linked Vineyards Cabernet Sauvignon has all the hallmarks of a classic Cabernet. This vintage is deep, dark, rich and powerful. The color is dense. The aromas that come out of the glass are opulent. Your nose is filled with essences of black cherry, cassis and clove. Each sip brings interwoven flavors of dark and bright fruits, with bursts of ripe blackberry, Santa Rosa plum, blueberry and currant. These are layered with dusky spice notes of nutmeg and pink peppercorns, with an undertone of minerality. The finish is sexy, long... soft... slow! It's a wine to fall in love with.

A quality of Linked Vineyards Cabernet has been its ability to enjoy at release or hold on to.

This wine, beautiful now, definitely has the depth, power and structure to cellar for a long time!



Wine

Winemaker:	Luc Morlet
Harvested:	October 10th by hand in small lugs at 26.2° brix
Composition:	100% Estate Cabernet Sauvignon
Fermentation:	Native yeast in small tanks and puncheons
Aged:	16 months in French oak from artisan coopers
Bottled:	May 23rd, 2015, Unfiltered and Unfined
Alcohol:	15.1%
Production:	87 cases

Vineyard

Planted:	2000, Clone 337 on 110R Rootstock
Elevation:	1,050 – 1,250 feet
Soil:	Rocky Volcanic, Rhyolitic, Laniger Loam
Exposure:	Western Facing, 30-50% Slopes
Appellation:	Knights Valley, Sonoma County