

MERRYVALE

VINEYARDS

2013 Cabernet Sauvignon Napa Valley



Winemaking

Drawn from three top Napa vineyards; Kenefick Ranch, Salvador and Rancho Chimiles, our Cabernet Sauvignon is handpicked and undergoes a triple sorting upon arrival at the winery. The grapes then undergo an extended maceration and a long, cool fermentation for increased flavor, color and aroma. Aged in 50% new French oak barrels, the wine matures for 22 months before being deemed ready for release. Our Napa Cabernet bottling is always blended with other Bordeaux varietals for their added aromatic and balanced tannin contributions.

Vintage

The Napa Valley Vintners Association described the 2013 growing season as “early, even and excellent” with the vintage showing tremendous promise and potential. The warm, dry spring brought early bud break and ideal conditions for flowering and fruit set. Temperatures were consistent throughout the summer with the exception of one heat spike in late June / early July. Billed as the earliest harvest in recent history, we began picking Chardonnay on September 1st, grapes came in at a furious pace throughout the month. Overall, harvest finished about two weeks earlier than normal and yields on the whole were above average.

Tasting Notes

A quintessential Napa Cabernet, this wine is rich and dark in the glass. Aromas of blackberry and faint dried herb waft up from the rim towards you. Upon tasting, the wine has a broad and pleasant entry, moving to a focused and weighty mid palate with notes of cassis, toast and graphite. A lengthy finish shows well proportioned tannin that will gain even more complexity as time passes. With proper cellaring, this wine will drink beautifully for the next 15 years.

Appellation:	Napa Valley
Blend:	85% Cabernet Sauvignon, 10% Cabernet Franc, 5% Merlot
Vineyards:	Kenefick, Salvador, Rancho Chimiles
Cooperage:	50% new French oak barrels for 22 months
Alc:	14.9%
PH:	3.7
TA:	4.5 g/L

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