



CLOS PEGASE
NAPA VALLEY

2013
CABERNET SAUVIGNON
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A RARE OPPORTUNITY TO SOURCE CABERNET SAUVIGNON from a number of renowned vineyard sites in Napa Valley for a special bottling project afforded us the chance to make a special non-Estate Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon bottling from the 2013 vintage. Fruit was sourced from vineyards known for producing high intensity wines with deep color.

HARVEST NOTES

After the exceedingly wet November and December of 2012, 2013 turned drought-like and warm, accelerating budbreak and resulting in an even and fertile bloom. Similar to 2012, warm temperatures continued into the late spring and early summer without significant heat events, prolonged cool periods or measureable rainfall - essentially perfect weather for winegrape growing at the highest level. And, as in 2012, these ideal conditions lead to uniform véraison. As harvest approached, the combination of warmer days and cooler nights ensured full physiological ripeness of the fruit both in terms of fruit flavor development and tannin maturity together with acidity retention so crucial for fine wine balance; however, because the peak daytime temperatures exceeded those in 2012, this vintage was the earliest in over a decade, essentially commencing for Clos Pegase on September 1st and ending October 17th. As in 2012, fruit quality proved superb across all varieties.

WINEMAKER NOTES

The individual lots of wine were racked at the completion of malolactic fermentation in the winter following harvest. In the summer of 2014 the wines were re-evaluated and individual lots were racked as needed. The finished wine blend was put up to tank in early August of 2015 after a total élevage of 21 months.

TASTING NOTES

The 2013 Clos Pegase Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon has an inky purple color. This wine possesses heady and exotic dark fruit notes of blackberry compote, ripe black cherries and Mission figs complemented by scents of violets, graphite, wild thyme and a touch of sweet cedar. This opulent Cabernet Sauvignon deftly balances fleshy mineral-tinged fruit, ripe tannins and a rich full mouthfeel with a prominent mid-palate lift and a lengthy refined finish.

TECHNICAL INFO

VARIETAL COMPOSITION

100% Cabernet Sauvignon

VINEYARD

61% Broken Rock Vineyard, Soda Canyon
34% Caldwell Vineyard, Coombsville
3% Stagecoach Vineyard, Atlas Peak
2% Tenma Vineyard, Calistoga

HARVEST DATES

October 3rd - 17th

AGING

21 months in 65% new French oak

BOTTLING DATE

August 2015

ALCOHOL

14.9%

PRODUCTION

431 cases

