



2013 CABERNET SAUVIGNON

HOMMAGE, TENMA VINEYARD, CALISTOGA, NAPA VALLEY

TENMA VINEYARD, ON AN ALLUVIAL FAN IN JERICHO CANYON IN Calistoga, produces Cabernet Sauvignon wines of deep color and intensity. Dunaweal Vineyard, across Dunaweal Lane from the winery, has deep and fertile soil allowing our Petit Verdot to thrive, providing inky color, mid-palate drive and exotic aromatic perfume for the blend.

HARVEST NOTES

2013 was an epic vintage for the Napa Valley. Long, warm days and cool, often foggy nights throughout the season led to a mid-September harvest for this variety. With naturally low yields and a picture-perfect growing season the vines were able to fully ripen their grapes allowing us to pick at exactly the perfect moment, where acid, fruit flavor and tannins were all in balance. Yield was well below average, giving concentrated fruit of intense flavor. The grapes were gently hand harvested, then processed immediately upon arrival at the winery.

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 late November of 2015 after a total *élevage* of 24 months.

TASTING NOTES

The 2013 Hommage Cabernet Sauvignon is born out of a supreme vintage. With generous aromas of crushed red fruits alongside more secondary characters such as cigar box and leather. On the palate this wine is bursting with intense and complex fruit notes of ripe black and red cherries and cassis, complemented by scents of violets, graphite, wild sage and a touch of exotic incense. This sensuous Cabernet Sauvignon deftly balances mineral-tinged fruit, cocoa powder, tannins plus a full mouth-feel with a prominent mid-palate fleshiness and a lengthy refined finish. Enjoyable now and will continue to improve over the next decade.

TECHNICAL INFO

VARIETAL COMPOSITION

99% Cabernet Sauvignon
1% Petit Verdot

VINEYARD

Tenma Vineyard, Dunaweal Vineyard
Calistoga, Napa Valley

SOIL

Gravelly Bale Clay-Loam and Sandy Clay-Loam
Tenma Vineyard

Bale Clay-Loam
Dunaweal Vineyard

CLONES

7 and 337

HARVEST DATES

October 20 – October 29

AGING

24 months in 60% new French oak

BOTTLING DATE

January 2016

ALCOHOL

14.8%