



CLOS PEGASE
NAPA VALLEY

2013
CABERNET SAUVIGNON
ATLAS PEAK | NAPA VALLEY

STAGECOACH VINEYARD, LOCATED ON ATLAS PEAK, is the largest south-facing mountain in Napa. With nearly 600 acres planted to vine, this Cabernet-focused vineyard covers an enormous number of soil depths and types. Stagecoach consistently produces amazing quantity and quality of color to its fruit along with classic “mountainside” characteristics with big tannins and complex flavors.

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 a deep inky purple color. This wine possesses intense complex fruit notes of blackberry jam, kirsch and blackcurrant framed by scents of vanilla orchid, violet, dark chocolate, and a touch of incense. This well-structured Cabernet Sauvignon deftly balances intense mineral-tinged fruit, ripe abundant tannins and a rich full mouthfeel with a prominent mid-palate fruit lift and a lengthy finish. The balance of fruit, tannin and acidity ensures ageability.

TECHNICAL INFO

VARIETAL COMPOSITION

100% Cabernet Sauvignon

VINEYARD

98% Stagecoach Vineyard, Atlas Peak
2% Tenma Vineyard, Calistoga

HARVEST DATES

October 3rd - 16th

AGING

21 months in 75% new French oak

BOTTLING DATE

August 2015

ALCOHOL

15.1%

PRODUCTION

88 cases