



CLOS PEGASE
NAPA VALLEY

2013
CABERNET SAUVIGNON
COOMBSVILLE | NAPA VALLEY

CALDWELL VINEYARD, SITUATED IN THE COOMBSVILLE REGION, is a unique location with its proximity to San Pablo Bay and geographical location inside a volcanic caldera. The cool ambient temperatures and long growing season impart distinct minerality and undeniable character in the Cabernet Sauvignon grapes grown on this property.

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 dense inky color. This wine possesses brooding exotic dark fruit notes of ripe blackberries, black cherries, and *crème de cassis* complemented by scents of violets, graphite, incense and a touch of sweet cedar. This bold and hedonistic Cabernet Sauvignon deftly balances fleshy mineral-tinged fruit, ripe tannins and a round rich mouthfeel with a prominent mid-palate heft and a lengthy refined finish.

TECHNICAL INFO

VARIETAL COMPOSITION

100% Cabernet Sauvignon

VINEYARD

96% Caldwell Vineyard, Coombsville
2% Tenma Vineyard, Calistoga
2% Stagecoach Vineyard, Atlas Peak

HARVEST DATES

October 3rd - 17th

AGING

21 months in 75% new French oak

BOTTLING DATE

August 2015

ALCOHOL

14.9%

PRODUCTION

92 cases