



CLOS PEGASE
NAPA VALLEY

2013
CABERNET SAUVIGNON
ESTATE | NAPA VALLEY

TENMA VINEYARD, ON AN ALLUVIAL FAN in Jericho Canyon in northeastern Calistoga, produces Cabernet Sauvignon wines of deep color and intensity. Syrah and Merlot add fleshiness and intensity while Petit Verdot provides inky color and mid-palate drive to this elegant estate blend.

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 19 months.

TASTING NOTES

The 2013 Clos Pegase Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon has a deep purple color. This wine possesses heady and complex dark fruit notes of ripe black cherries, plums and blackberries complemented by scents of violets, graphite, black licorice, wild sage and a touch of sweet cedar. This rich yet elegantly styled 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

75% Cabernet Sauvignon 5% Petit Verdot
9% Cabernet Franc 4% Merlot
5% Syrah 2% Malbec

VINEYARD

Tenma Vineyard, Calistoga - Cabernet Sauvignon
Dunaweal Vineyard, Calistoga - Petit Verdot
Mitsuko's Vineyard, Carneros - Cabernet Sauvignon, Syrah
Cabernet Franc, Merlot
Malbec

HARVEST DATES

September 14th - October 16th

AGING

19 months in 36% new French oak

BOTTLING DATE

August 2015

ALCOHOL

15.1%

PRODUCTION

4,570 cases