

2013 Cabernet Sauvignon

NAPA VALLEY ESTATE GROWN

100% Cabernet Sauvignon

RELEASE DATE: October 2016

BRIX AT HARVEST: 26.8

CASES PRODUCED: 490

ALCOHOL: 15.1%

TOTAL ACID: 6.1 g/l pH: 3.82

Appellation/Vineyards

Somerston wines are selected from single blocks of our 1,615-acre estate, high in the eastern hills of Napa Valley. This estate bottled wine was sourced from Celestial Block 96, one of our best vineyard blocks. It is a beautiful hillside vineyard with an average elevation of 1100 feet above sea level.

Winemaking

The grapes were hand picked and delivered to the winery. The grapes were de-stemmed and sorted, then pumped into the tank for a 5 day cold soak at 50 degrees. When the fermentation began, we pumped over the tank twice per day. Native yeast fermentation lasted for 16 days, followed by a short heated extended maceration of 3 days. The free run was drained from the tank overnight. The wine was barreled down into 70% new French oak and 30% once used French oak barrels. Malolactic fermentation occurred naturally in the barrel. The wine was aged for 28 months and bottled unfiltered.

Harvest Notes

The 2013 vintage had a classic, near perfect growing season. The long growing season, moderate temperatures, lack of major heat spikes and lack of rain during most of harvest made for one the best vintages in recent years. The harvest for Cabernet Sauvignon started on October 9th.

Tasting Notes

"The 2013 Cabernet Sauvignon Celestial (100% Cabernet Sauvignon) is a stunner. World-class notes of blackberry, blackcurrants, graphite, licorice, and even a hint of unsmoked cigar tobacco are followed by a full-bodied, rich, super-concentrated wine with low acidity, ripe but significant tannin, and a finish of a good 45+ seconds." 95+ points, Robert Parker | Wine Advocate #221, October 2015