

VARIETAL COLLECTION

Malbec

2013

Vintage: Third
Composition: 88% Malbec, 7% Cabernet Sauvignon,
5% Syrah
Clone: MA Clone 595, CS clone 191, SY clone 525
Appellation: Napa Valley, Coombsville District
Vineyard: Caldwell Vineyard Estate, established 1981
Block: Blks 17, 18, Kreuzer
Yield: 3.0 tons per acre
Average Vine Age: 14 years
Grape varieties: MA, CS, SY
Rootstock: 3309, 101-14

Vintage Summary: The 2013 growing season started like the 2012, with an early bud break. As in the previous year, Ideal conditions during bloom allowed for an almost perfect set. Outside of a heat spike in late June, the temperate conditions continued through veraison in July and August. As with 2012 there were very uniform clusters but the canopies were more balanced in 2013.

The harvest season started off early, with ideal moderate temperature that shrugged off two brief September rains.

The wonderful set and more balanced canopy gave a more “normal” yield during harvest. The berry sizes were smaller and clusters were average. With the ability to pick when we wanted, the resulting phenological ripeness produced excellent quality grapes.

Fermentation: 100% New French Oak
Harvest Date: October 6, 18 & 19, 2013
Fermentation: 59-gal barrel fermented
Yeast: Caldwell Native Yeast
ML: Natural
Wood Origin: Center of France
Ageing: French Oak
New Oak Barrels: 100%
Fining: None
Filtering: Filtered
Alcohol: 14.6%
Bottled on: March 30, 2015

Winemaker's Tasting Notes: Absolutely unique and not easily missed, this beautiful red is a monster in the glass – deep, dark, heavy and brooding. But when you taste it, there's a little bit of those things, but more so there are pretty flavors of cranberry, cola and minerals. The ripe fruits are lifted by pretty, integrated acidity and surprisingly silky tannins – satisfying and rare.

Cellaring: 1 – 5 years
Production: 80 cases
Price: \$85 / 750ml

