

Syrah

2013

Vintage:	Sixth
Composition:	77% Syrah, 23% Tannat
Clone:	SY clone 525, TA clone 474
Appellation:	Napa Valley, Coombsville District
Vineyard:	Caldwell Vineyard Estate, established 1981
Block:	Kreuzer Canyon
Yield:	4 tons per acre
Average Vine Age:	13 years
Grape Varieties:	SY, TA
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.
Harvest Date:	October 10 & 19, 2012
Fermentation:	100% New French Oak
Yeast:	Caldwell Native Yeast
ML:	Natural
Wood Origin:	Center of France
Ageing:	French Oak
New Oak Barrels:	100%
Fining:	None
Filtering:	Filtered
Alcohol:	14.9%
Bottled on:	March 30, 2015
Winemaker's Tasting Notes:	This clone always delivers, and what it does in a ripe, balanced year is exceptional. A big powerhouse wine that Marbue tames with layers of sophistication, so it's clean and pure and never muddled. The 2013 vintage is luscious and full of black fruits, cacao and red-spiced notes with a crazy-long finish. Often thought of as the boxer of red varietals strong and meaty without a lot of dimension Syrah at Caldwell, especially this clone, looks a bit more like a well-mannered sophisticate and drinks like one too.
Cellaring:	1 – 5 years
Production:	91 cases
Price:	\$65 / 750 ml

