

Tannat

2013

Vintage:	Sixth
Composition:	96% Tannat, 4% Cabernet Sauvignon
Clone:	TA Clone 474, CS Clone 337
Appellation:	Napa Valley, Coombsville District
Vineyard:	Caldwell Vineyard Estate, established 1981
Block:	17, 18
Yield:	3.0 tons per acre
Average Vine Age:	13 years
Grape varieties:	TA, CS
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, 2013
Fermentation:	100% New French Oak
Yeast:	Caldwell Native Yeast
ML:	Natural
Wood Origin:	Center of France
Ageing:	French Oak
New Oak Barrels:	100%
Fining/Filtering:	None/ Filtered
Alcohol:	15.4%
Bottled on:	March 30, 2015

Winemaker’s Tasting Notes: For those of you who like it black and blue, this is your go-to. Inky and dense with big brawny tannins, this wine is huge, but still surprisingly rich, complex and flavorful. Like a femme fatale, it’s dark, svelte and potent. Gorgeous ripe blackberry pie, vanilla oak, leather, dried plum and black pepper spice are carried on a river of dense, chewy tannins.

Cellaring:	2 – 9 years
Production:	93 cases
Price:	\$95 / 750ml

