

## 2013 CABERNET SAUVIGNON – DRY CREEK VALLEY



### HISTORY

The Dry Creek Valley is an undiscovered gem, producing some of the finest Cabernet Sauvignon in California. Primarily known for Zinfandel, the valley has almost as much Cabernet Sauvignon planted. Our region's unique *terroir* provides just the right growing conditions. A perfect microclimate, we are blessed with long days of vibrant sunshine and cool foggy evenings allowing for exquisitely ripened Cabernet Sauvignon grapes. Bright cherry fruit framed by floral and spice elements create wines that speak to the distinctive soil and growing conditions in our appellation.

### GROWING SEASON

The 2013 harvest will be remembered as a season of near perfect growing conditions. It was also one of our driest seasons on record. By mid-January, it seemed that Mother Nature turned off the rain spigot. Overall, winter was extremely mild. Spring budbreak was normal with frost of little or no concern. The summer growing season was outstanding with moderate temperatures. A few heat spikes in late May and early June had us thinking it would be an unusually warm summer. However, July, August and September were beautiful with moderate temperatures. Harvest conditions were excellent. Yields were normal and the quality was superb with all varietals achieving optimal ripeness levels.

### WINEMAKER COMMENTS

The 2013 vintage was “cool” in every sense of the word. We had a very mild summer and a crisp Fall, which allowed the grapes to ripen slowly and fully. It was an abundant harvest so we have lots of delicious fruit. It was also very dry so the grapes had to work extra hard to get water, but stressed grapes often ensure that the best fruit rises to the top. The 2013 vintage is showing lots of lively spice. This wine opens with deep blackberry and currant on the nose with hints of anise. The mouthfeel is gentle, and the finish is lengthy. This Cabernet is very characteristic of a Dry Creek Valley Bordeaux. It offers intensity and richness and reflects the *terroir* beautifully.

**91 Points**  
*Robert Parker's Wine Advocate*

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*WineReviewOnline*

**GOLD MEDAL**  
*San Francisco Chronicle  
Wine Competition*

**RELEASE DATE** August 2016

**BLEND** 84% Cabernet Sauvignon, 7% Merlot, 4% Cabernet Franc, 3% Petit Verdot, 2% Malbec

**APPELLATION** Dry Creek Valley

**HARVEST DATES** September 16 - October 9, 2013

**ALCOHOL** 14.5%

**FERMENTATION** 10 - 16 days in fermenters at 83°F; pumped over twice daily.

**BARREL AGING** 19 months in French oak; 38% new oak

**BRIX** Average 25.1

**PH** 3.72

**TA** 6.4g/L

**SOILS** Benchland, rolling eastern hills and western mountain sites

**VINE AGE** 15 - 23 years

**YIELDS** 3 - 4 tons per acre

