

2013 LAMOREAUX VINEYARD CABERNET SAUVIGNON

Dark reddish black in color, this cooler climate Cabernet Sauvignon has more savory notes of black pepper and licorice with hints of blackberry and cassis. On the palate, the wine is very big and rich with layers of black fruit and a touch of black pepper and finishes with firmer tannins. Cellar 10-15 years.

HARVEST & WINEMAKING

These grapes are grown in what Sequoia Grove casually refers to as the Oak Knoll bench. Tucked into the western hills on one of the first estates in Napa Valley, between ancient oak trees and grazing cattle, grow these beautifully cared for vines. The fruit was harvested on October 17, 2013 at 27 brix.

The fruit was hand harvested and cluster and berry sorted before a two-day cold soak. After inoculation with French yeast, the wine underwent small-batch fermentation, with gentle pumpovers 2-3 times per day. In barrel, the wine underwent malolactic fermentation and was racked twice before bottling in June 2015.

THE 2012 VINTAGE

The 2013 harvest was impeccable in many ways, especially coming after an amazing 2012 vintage. The floods at the end of 2012 set us up nicely to weather the dry season of 2013. Hardly a speck of rain fell for the entire season. The growing season started earlier, giving us plenty of time to ripen another solid crop. Harvest was a dream. This was the first vintage in a long time where the moderate fall temperatures meant winemakers were truly able to take their time with no rain nor heat spikes to get in the way of bringing in nearly perfect grapes. Many have confidently said that this vintage is the vintage of the decade.

WINE STATS

Cases produced: 607
Alcohol: 14.4%
TA: 5.6 g/L
pH: 3.79

Blend: 97% Cabernet Sauvignon, 3% Cabernet Franc Oak: 22 months in barrel, 84% New French Oak

Appellation: Oak Knoll, Napa Valley