

2013 TONELLA VINEYARD CABERNET SAUVIGNON

This wine is dark in color with fresh fruit aromas of black cherry, roasted strawberries, currants, fine-grained leather, red plum, fresh toast, and baking spices. On the palate, the wine has dense tannin on entry, carrying into the mid-palate and then onto a fresh, bright and flavorful finish. Cellar 15-20 years.

HARVEST & WINEMAKING:

The 2013 harvest was unbelievable in many ways. The near floods at the end of 2012 set us up nicely to weather the very dry season of 2013. Hardly a speck of rain fell for the entire season. The growth 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—no rain nor heat spikes to get in the way of bringing in nearly perfect grapes. Many confidently say that this vintage looks to be the vintage of the decade.

GRAPES:

The Tonella estate vineyard in Rutherford is divided into 17 unique rootstock and clonal blocks, which are further divided during harvest into different sections based on ripeness. This represents the very best of those lots. The Cabernet Franc was picked October 23, 2013, at 27.2 brix. The Cabernet sauvignon was picked from September 28, 2013, to October 15, 2013, between 27.0 and 28.4 brix.

WINE STATS

Cases produced: 600
Alcohol: 14.4%
TA: 5.6 g/L
pH: 3.83

Blend: 76% Cabernet Sauvignon, 24% Cabernet Franc

Appellation: Rutherford, Napa Valley
Oak: 68% new French oak
Vineyards: Tonella Vineyard

Price: \$95

Bottling Date: June 2015