

2013

Patience
Cabernet Sauvignon

Our single vineyard wines are produced exclusively from grapes grown on our estate vineyard at the base of Mount St. Helena in the pristine Knights Valley appellation, where Sonoma and Napa counties meet. We strive to make hand crafted wines that are true to the terroir with great ageability. We hand pick and hand sort the fruit in the vineyard, and we press each varietal and clone separately. During blend trials, we taste each barrel individually and in multiple combinations together before we select only the best barrels to be included in our final blends. As a result, no two vintages, no two wines are the same.

appellation

Knights Valley

harvest date

October 12

soil

Alluvium: gravel, sand, clay

production

162 Cases

blend

75% Cabernet Sauvignon
24% Cabernet Franc
1% Petit Verdot

oak

French Oak, 40% new
Aged: 22 months

vineyard notes

Our estate vineyard sits at 510 feet above sea level. Our vineyard soil is deep, well draining alluvium, consisting of gravel, sand and clay. Because of the excellent drainage, the roots must grow deep to seek water, so our crop yields are lower and berries are smaller with greater flavor concentration. The alluvial soil also provides the mineral component that gives our wines added complexity. The rootstock for our Bordeaux varietals was selected to take full advantage of soil conditions and preservation of water by dry farming. The result is an intensity of flavor that shows in our finished Cabernets.

tasting notes

Beautiful aromas of cocoa powder, black olive, roasted blistering peppers on the grill, rosemary, dark cherry and black tea. Intense texture, brooding yet full of hedonistic red and black fruits, blackberry, cherry and red currants. The wine is wonderful and enjoyable now and shows the structure and dark fruit to age for 15 years plus easily.

vintage notes

Back-to-back perfection! Like 2012, 2013 growing conditions were ideal and delivered yet another excellent vintage. The growing season started early and continued evenly. Consistently warm days and cool nights allowed for optimal ripening at a steady pace with full development of rich, complex flavors. Extraordinary!

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