



abstract

2013 - CALIFORNIA RED WINE

Napa, Sonoma, Mendocino, Amador, and El Dorado Counties

“There is no abstract art. You must always start with something. Afterward you can remove all traces of reality.” – Pablo Picasso

Following the exceptional 2012 vintage, we were fortunate to receive a nearly identical harvest in 2013. The yields were lower, but overall intensity materialized in the vineyards sourced for this complex program. Expanding beyond our existing base, we were able to include new blending components throughout California to make the wine even better and more unique. Added viticultural control provided another benefit used to create a flavor spectrum based upon several appellations: mouthfeel from Napa and Sonoma, acidity and aromatics from Mendocino, power from Amador, and purity from El Dorado. The combination of these blocks ultimately results in an artful collage both in and outside of the bottle.

Winemaker's Notes

Opaque and purple to the rim of the glass, an elevated display of aromatics is immediately present. Fragrant dark fruits, spring flowers, violet, and hint of garrigue greet the nose and tempt added review. Extraordinary freshness is present upon entry leading to lush flavors of sweet boysenberries, kirsch, licorice, dark cherries, and exotic floral notes. The palate is thoroughly treated and left with a finish of bright acidity and round tannins, which exist in seamless balance.

Blend

Grenache, Petite Sirah and Syrah

Maturation

Aged for 10 months in a combination of new and seasoned French Oak, 30% new.

Alc/Vol

15.7%

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