

2013 RUTHERFORD CABERNET SAUVIGNON

This "Rutherford" Round Pond Cabernet Sauvignon is hand crafted entirely from our Rutherford Estate. Exhibiting rich characteristics of dark complex fruits, minerality and balanced intensity, the layers of this wine truly reflect our vineyards terroir.

ACCOLADES: OUR PROUD HISTORY



Wine Spectator **vinous**

WINE ADVOCATE: **93 points** | 2012 Vintage

WINE SPECTATOR: **92 points** | 2012 Vintage

VINOUS: **92 points** | 2013 Vintage • **94 points** | 2011 Vintage

TASTING NOTES

An elegant bouquet of cassis, violet, and sage tickle the nose. Aromas of dark chocolate, wet stone, and evergreen follow. The intense entry is layered with blackberry, anise, and some higher toned red fruits. This wine builds through the mid-palate with more earth driven aromatics of cardamom, tobacco, and dark chocolate. The palate is beautifully balanced with great acidity and soft supple tannins carry the broad aromas and flavors to a long dark finish. Expressive now, this wine will certainly gain in complexity and depth with several years of age.

VINTAGE & VITICULTURE

Warm, dry conditions during spring brought about an early budbreak and resulted in very healthy vines going into flowering and fruit set. Conditions continued to be excellent throughout the growing season with cooler, sunny weather through September and October. This allowed the fruit to hang longer on the vine for better flavor development and phenolic maturity, without excessive sugar accumulation. Lots were selected that best represented our Rutherford site, blended together and aged 18 months in 70% new, tight grain French oak before being bottled in late May.

WINE FACTS

WINEMAKERS: Muiris Griffin & Thomas Rivers Brown

VARIETALS: 77% Cabernet Sauvignon, 19% Petit Verdot, 4% Malbec

FERMENTATION: All small lot fermentation including 500 liter puncheons

AGING: 18 months in 70% new tight grain French Oak

RELEASE DATE: September 1st, 2015

SRP: \$60.00



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