

# CORNERSTONE

CELLARS • NAPA VALLEY

## 2013 CABERNET FRANC BLACK LABEL



### 2013 VINTAGE

The 2013 growing season began early, one of the earliest in the past decade. On the heels of two cold years in 2010 and 2011, this year was a welcome relief. With an early start due to a dry winter, followed by a warm and dry spring, the weather stayed surprisingly beautiful with no major rain or frost to diminish the crop. Through the summer we experienced consistently warm temperatures, only one rainstorm, and not many days with heat spikes above 100 degrees. Harvest began a few weeks earlier than normal, giving winemakers the opportunity to pick at optimal ripeness and not under pressure from Mother Nature. In 2013 we achieved intense flavors and excellent color extraction, with fine tannins and firm acidity. Quality and quantity all came together this year.

### 2013 TASTING NOTES

The Cabernet Franc grape does share some DNA with Cabernet Sauvignon, but they are not the same grape. Like Cabernet Sauvignon, this wine is deeply colored, offering floral, plum, blackberry, cassis, spice and fresh herb or leafy aromas. This wine is juicy on entry and explodes with ripe red and black fruit flavors, wrapped in a layer of sweet oak. This charming wine finishes with hints of currant, blueberry and blackberry. The tannins on the finish are resolved and velvety.

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### 2013 WINEMAKING NOTES

VINTAGE:	2013	VARIETALS:	100% Cabernet Franc
APPELLATION:	Napa Valley	ALCOHOL:	14.9%
	46% St. Helena, Talcott Vineyard	COOPERAGE:	50% New French oak, 50% 2-year French oak
	43% Coombsville, Collineta Vineyard	PRODUCTION:	300 Cases
	11% Oakville, Oakville Station Vineyard	RETAIL:	\$XX

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