

CORNERSTONE

CELLARS • NAPA VALLEY

2013 CABERNET SAUVIGNON HOWELL MOUNTAIN ◆ WHITE 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 first swirl offers up dense, ripe fruit with layers of fresh herbs, cigar box and anise, just as we have grown to expect of mountain fruit. On the palate you will find layers of subtle toast, roasted dark coffee beans laced with hints of cocoa and vanilla. The texture is plush but elegant; with integrated tannins offering both substance and restraint. As always, these bold wines will develop beautifully over the years.

2013 WINEMAKING NOTES

VINTAGE:	2013	VARIETALS:	100% Cabernet Sauvignon
APPELLATION:	96% Howell Mountain 3% Oakville 1% Napa Valley	ALCOHOL:	14.9%
VINEYARD:	96% Ink Grade Vineyard 3% Oakville Station 1% Kairos	COOPERAGE:	70% New French oak Barrels, 30% neutral oak
		PRODUCTION:	200 Cases
		RETAIL:	\$95

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