



CORNERSTONE

CELLARS • NAPA VALLEY

2013 Michael's Cuvée

2013 Vintage

The 2013 growing season began early, one of the earliest in the past decade. In the wake of two cold years, 2010 and 2011, 2013 was a welcomed 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 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 a prime 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 in this memorable vintage.

2013 Tasting Notes

Dark, ripe, and concentrated aromas burst out of the glass. Give it a couple swirls to release the blackberry, plum, cedar, and dark chocolate notes. First sip offers ripe black fruit flavors, wrapped in toasty oak and sweet herbs. This wine finishes with a complex harmonizing of late summer fruit, vanilla, mocha, and pristinely integrated tannins. It's approachable now, but give this some time in the cellar and you'll be rewarded for your patience.

2013 Winemaking Notes

Vintage: 2013
Appellation: Napa Valley
Varietals: 86% Cabernet Sauvignon
11% Merlot
3% Cabernet Franc
Alcohol: 14.9%
Cooperage: 60% New French oak Barrels, 40% neutral oak
Production: 250 Cases
Retail: \$75