



PLUMPJACK

WINERY

2013 PLUMPJACK RESERVE CABERNET SAUVIGNON, OAKVILLE

VINTAGE:

Mother Nature defines each vintage for a fine wine, and the 2013 vintage is no exception. In the winter of 2013, we saw above average temperatures and little rainfall throughout the Napa Valley. The warm, dry weather was persistent, and the results were significant. We saw early budbreak, smaller grapevine canopies, and less fruit than normal - the grapes were smaller and but much thicker skins than we typically see. The results gave us grapes packed with flavor, and the color, intensity, and concentration was out of this world. Needless to say, these grapes blossomed into spectacular wines that are rich, bold, and highly structured.

FERMENTATION & AGING:

The grapes that were used to craft the 2013 Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon were grown in the red, rocky soils on the east side of our estate. These soils retain less water than heavier soils, so the vines are more stressed, producing grapes with more flavor intensity, richness, and concentration. The grapes from this site were cold soaked for 3 - 4 days and were fermented to a maximum temperature of 94°. About half of the fruit was fermented in an oak tank, while the other half was fermented in a stainless steel tank. These grapes were very giving and the wines reached optimal extraction, concentration, and mouthfeel after only 8 - 10 days of maceration. Only free run juice was used to craft the Reserve. This wine was aged in 100% new French Oak barrels for 22 months. The coopers that were used in this wine are Darnajou, Sylvain, and Taransaud. These barrels are a blend of medium-plus and heavy toast.

WINEMAKER IMPRESSIONS:

Our 2013 Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon was sourced from our prized I & J blocks on the east side of our estate. The vintage gave us small grapes on loose clusters and the outcome was extraordinary. This wine has a deep, opaque color with phenomenal fruit intensity on the nose. Blueberry, blackberry, and cassis leap out of the glass and are complimented by a bouquet of vanilla, spice, and toasty notes. The wine is rich and dense; it coats your palate with juicy blackberry, bright blueberry, and fresh black currant. The tannin is firm, yet fine and perfectly integrated, and the finish lasts forever.

VARIETALS/BLEND: 91% Cabernet Sauvignon, 9% Petit Verdot

PRODUCTION: 790 Cases

ALCOHOL: 15.4%

HARVEST DATES: October 7th - 16th, 2013



**100
POINTS**

