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2013 CABERNET SAUVIGNON NAPA VALLEY RESERVE

Vintage

A warm, dry spring brought early bud break in 2013; we experienced ideal conditions for flowering and fruit set. With the exception of one heat spike in late June/early July, temperatures were consistently in the zone for optimal vine activity. Early ripening varieties came off the vines by early September, with perfect ripeness and ideal hang time. Two brief mid-September rains had virtually no impact, as sunny weather dried the grapes almost immediately. Cool, sunny weather throughout October allowed great flavor development. Overall, the 2013 harvest was early, even and excellent.

Vineyards

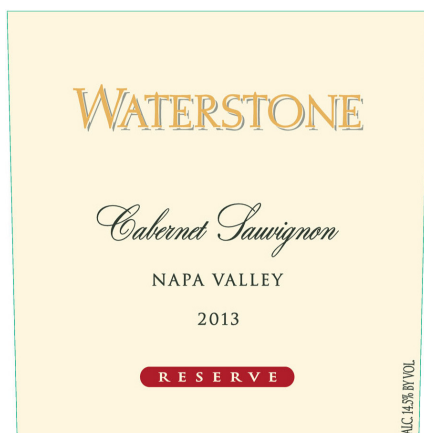
Well-established, low-yielding, hillside vineyards are the foundation of this wine, giving the finished blend its intense inner core of fruit.

Vinification

The grapes were hand picked at optimum ripeness. Following destemming, the grapes were stainless steel-fermented and received extended skin contact before being transferred to barrels. The wine was aged in small French oak barrels for 34 months (100% new barrels) where the wine completed malolactic fermentation. The wine was racked prior to bottling.

Tasting Notes

With its Bordeaux-like presence, this wine is deep, rich, and lingering. Firm, integrated tannins frame the dense, concentrated, dark fruit (currant, black cherry, wild berry, plum.) Nicely integrated oak adds to the wine's great complexity and long finish.



Technical Data:

Varietal Composition	94% Cabernet Sauvignon 3% Merlot 2% Cabernet Franc 1% Petit Verdot
Appellation	Napa Valley
Alcohol	14.9%
TA	0.59g/100ml
pH	3.76
Oak Aging	34 months
Oak Cooperage	French oak, 100% new
Bottling Date	November 15, 2016
Production	476 cases (6/750ml)