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Cabernet Sauvignon 2013



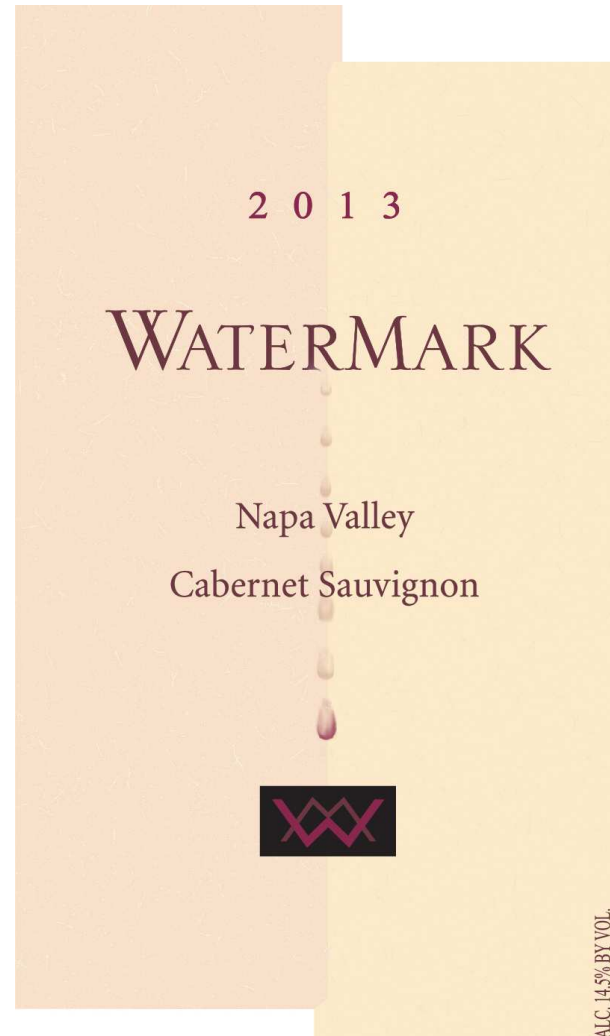
NAPA VALLEY

Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon

The grapes from the 2013 vintage were sourced from different parts of the Napa Valley Appellation including some from the vineyards on Mt. Veeder. The wines are reminiscent of mountain grown grapes with some red fruit qualities of the valley floor. The 2013 cabernet is a blend of mostly cabernet sauvignon, some merlot and cabernet franc with small amounts of Petit Verdot and malbec. Black and red fruits show through with an accent of vanilla toast in the finish.

WINEMAKING

Our winemaker, **Phil Steinschriber**, who is also the winemaker at Diamond Creek Vineyards monitors the vineyards from which these grapes are sourced to pick at the peak of ripeness, knowing that making great wine begins in the vineyard. The wines are cold soaked for 4 days at 58 degrees and then warmed quickly to extract the color without extracting too much tannin. Fermented in small 2 ton tanks, the juice is inoculated with yeast and allowed to ferment to almost dryness. The must is pressed slightly sweet to avoid excessive tannin. Aged in small 100% new French barrels for about 22 months, the wine is then bottled and warehoused for integration of its components.



TASTING NOTES

This cabernet sauvignon has aromas of cassis, bittersweet chocolate and vanilla with notes of cedar and anise. Oak comes through to complete this full bodied wine. The entry is sweet with a plum and cassis character continuing to please the palate as the vanilla, oak, chocolate and toast notes come to play. This wine is great now but can be laid down until 2019 or beyond.

Appellation:	Napa Valley
Ageing:	22 months in new French Oak barrels
Bottling:	September 2015
Varietals:	93.1% Cabernet Sauvignon, 4.2% Merlot, 2.3% Cabernet Franc, 0.2% PV, 0.2% Malbec
Alcohol:	14.5%
Release Date:	October 2016
Cases Produced:	250 cases