



## 2013 Estate Cabernet Sauvignon

### Vintage Notes:

The 2013 growing season was marked by an even amount of warmth, allowing for optimal ripening, along with a slightly advanced harvest date. The Cabernet Sauvignon was picked between September 13<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> of 2013, from our sustainably farmed, estate vineyard in Calistoga. Nine individual blocks were picked and sorted separately, before being transferred to stainless steel tanks for fermentation on skins for three weeks. Following fermentation, the wine was transferred to 70% new French oak barrels, where it aged for a total of 20 months.

### Winemaker's Notes:

This wine is expressive of the season in its opulence and fruit forward nature. It has layers of complexity on the nose, offering sweet tones of blackberry, fig, and milk chocolate, only to be underscored by more savory qualities of black pepper, wild mushroom, cedar and cigar box. On palate entry, this wine initially gives off an air of masculinity with structurally solid tannins, and brooding, black licorice notes. The round, plush mid-palate mellows this strong tannin profile and adds a layer of depth and dimension to this pretty, aromatic Cabernet.

Grape Source: Kelly Fleming Estate Vineyard

Appellation: Calistoga

Winemaking Team: Celia Welch and Rebecca George

Vineyard Manager: Mike Wolf

Blend: 100% Cabernet Sauvignon

Alcohol: 14.8%

Oak Profile: 70% new French oak, 30% neutral French oak

Aging: 20 months

Cases Produced: 909

Harvested: September 13<sup>th</sup> - September 23<sup>rd</sup> 2013

Bottled: June 2015



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