



2013 “PIÈCE DE RÉSISTANCE” NAPA VALLEY CABERNET SAUVIGNON

Aptly named to describe one’s highest achievement, an object that can stand the test of time, this wine represents our finest four barrels of Cabernet Sauvignon from the 2013 vintage. The only 100% Cabernet Sauvignon produced by Pahlmeyer, our “Pièce de Résistance” is an experience of this varietal in its purest form.

COMPOSITION		100% Cabernet Sauvignon
HARVESTED		September 14 to October 8, 2013
VINEYARDS		Stagecoach, Rancho Chimiles
MACERATION		5 days cold soak
FERMENTATION		100% barrel fermented in puncheon
BARREL REGIMEN		26 months in 85% new French oak
FINISHING		Bottled unfinned and unfiltered
ALCOHOL		16.2% by vol.
BOTTLED		September 22, 2015
RELEASE		October 2017
PRODUCTION		4 barrels

WINEMAKING

Still chilled from the early morning harvest, the grape clusters were hand-sorted, then gently destemmed. The resulting whole berries were sorted by hand and delivered into open-top fermenters for five days of natural cold maceration, followed by two - three weeks of 100% native yeast fermentation. 100% of this wine was puncheon fermented to intensify the aromatics and anthocyanin extraction, without taking in any bitter tannins. Once complete, the fruit was gently pressed and moved to barrel to finished primary and secondary fermentations. The wine continued to age in 85% new French oak – a combination of Taransaud and St. Martin barrels – for 26 months. It was bottled unfinned and unfiltered.

TASTING NOTES

Black to the core and oozing with concentrated flavors of bittersweet chocolate and dark, ripe cherry, this wine is seamless and unctuous lifted by a surprising freshness. The intensity is consuming and demanding of your time and attention. Its incredible structure should allow this wine to age effortlessly over the next 20, perhaps 30, years.

VINTAGE NOTES

The 2013 growing season was characterized by drought-like conditions, which greatly enhanced the quality of our Cabernet Sauvignon. The relatively small berries drove intense, concentrated flavors with superb acidity and structure. Despite being the earliest harvest in years, our 2013 wines are stunning in their rich coloring and outstanding complexity.

