

TERRA VALENTINE



2013 WURTELE VINEYARD CABERNET SAUVIGNON



Vintage:

“Early, even and excellent” are three words being use to describe this year’s growing season and the Napa Valley wine grapes that have come from it, reflecting the consistent quality for which this world famous wine region is known.

A warm, dry spring brought early bud break, helped with canopy vigor and berry size and created ideal conditions for flowering and fruit set under sunny skies. With the exception of one heat spike in late June/early July, temperatures were consistently in the zone for optimal vine activity, resulting in notably healthy vines as fruit went through veraison and started ripening. The cooler, sunny weather throughout October allowed the final grapes still on the vine to linger longer, developing more phenolic and flavor maturities with sugar levels remaining steady.

Vineyard:

The Wurtele Vineyard (pronounced wer-tul), was planted in 1990 by the Raymond family. It was purchased by Angus and Margaret Wurtele in 1995. The vineyard, which sits at elevations between 600 to 1000 feet, exudes variations of slope, aspect, and soil. Much like a compass rose, the vineyard is comprised of multiple exposure points that span a full 360 degrees around a central knoll. Though planted exclusively to clone 7 Cabernet Sauvignon, these exposures yield variety in vine orientation and tannin intensity, all of which lend to the unique characteristics of the wine.

Tasting:

Blackberry jam, mulberry, and black cherry notes with cedar, caramel and clove. Classis chewy Wurtele Vineyard texture with sweeter and softer edges that linger on the finish.

Composition:

100% Cabernet Sauvignon

Barrel Regime:

22 months in barrel
100% French oak - 50% new

Harvest Dates:

October 17th - October 24th

Bottling:

120 cases
Bottled on Aug. 22nd, 2012

Vinification:

Cold soaked 72 hours, Extended maceration, free-run drained off after 21 days total contact.

Aging: 2016 - 2024

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