



STORYBOOK MOUNTAIN VINEYARDS

2013 Napa Valley Estate Cabernet Sauvignon

Winemaker notes:

The same structure, finesse, and purity of fruit that have long characterized Storybook Mountain Zinfandels are evident in our Estate Cabernet Sauvignon. These qualities reflect the estate vineyard's relatively cool climate, its clay-loam soils, and its easterly and northerly exposures. The style of the wines also reflects our preference for wines of moderate alcohol, intense, focused fruit and exemplary balance.

"Balance is the keynote for this Cabernet – enough herbal, forest floor complexity to compliment its berry fruit and indicate its varietal signature; tannins without astringency to provide a welcoming structure for the rich flavors of the wine; just enough acid to enhance freshness, focus and a clean long finish. A gentle Cabernet with finesse to be sure, but with components so well harmonized the promise is for increased pleasure in the future."

Vineyard:

The magic paradigm matching grape and terroir has always been our goal. Since 1994, we have selected the coolest areas and lightest soils as best for Cabernet Sauvignon, lower sections with heavier soils as ideal for Merlot, and appropriate hills and hollows for Cabernet Franc and Petit Verdot. Different clones, rootstocks and cultural practices provide further fine tuning for each site. The result? As one reviewer put it, "over achieving Cabernet" has joined classic Zinfandel at Storybook Mountain.



Appellation: Napa Valley, Estate

Alcohol: 14%

Harvest: September 13 to October 9

Cooperage: 18 months
100% new French oak

Bottled: June 2015

Production: 327 cases