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VINEYARDS

## 2013 Napa Estate Antaeus

### Winemaker notes:

Antaeus, the son of water and earth in Greek mythology, is the symbol of strength derived from the soil. So too this wine, deriving strength from the matching of site and grape on every part of our land. The intensity derived from red clay soils is here in full, while the coolness of our site provides the acid balance so essential to a wine's grace and longevity.

### Tasting notes:

*"Claret-like reserve is an indelible and constant trait of this particular maker, and it is more than evident here. While it is marked by fine concentration of substance throughout, the latest Antaeus is as carefully composed as it is rich, and it conveys an uncommon combination of polish and structured solidity. Its Cabernet component becomes obvious as it tightens and squares up at the finish, but there is so much fruity length that there is no questioning the wine's future beauty."*

*92 points* *Connoisseurs' Guide*

### Vineyard:

Occupying a mountainside at the head of the Napa Valley, Zinfandels were first planted here in 1883. It is a grape unusually well adapted to the red clay loam soils, eastern exposures and microclimate of our hillside estate. Yet there are hills and hollows on our land (the cooler exposure of a north facing hill for Cabernet, moister soils rich in clay for Merlot, etc.) that are every bit as appropriate for the Bordeaux varieties. The vines are hand tended, from pruning through picking. The crop is severely regulated, with two green harvests in May and August, to maintain just the right amount of grapes on each vine, averaging 2 to 2.5 tons per acre. No insecticides or herbicides have been used in all these years, and we are now CCOF certified organic growers.



**Vintage:** 2013

**Appellation:** Napa Valley, Estate

**Alcohol:** 14.9%

**Varietals:** 55% Zinfandel, 26% Cabernet Sauvignon, 13% Petit Verdot, 6% Merlot

**Harvest:** September 5 – October 9

**Cooperage:** 16 months  
French and American Oak

**Bottled:** March 2015

**Production:** 530 cases