



2013 DRAGONFLY VINEYARD®

Cabernet Sauvignon, St. Helena, Napa Valley



VINEYARD DESCRIPTION

The diminutive, four-acre Dragonfly Vineyard is located in St. Helena at the base of Spring Mountain. Old timers know this magical place as a “banana belt” microclimate, as its ideal summer temperatures allow the vines to develop their notable ripe and jammy fruit. The vines benefit from the site’s deep, gravelly loam soils and gentle southern exposure, and the vineyard is one of the first to be harvested each year.

HARVEST NOTES

The 2013 harvest was similar to 2012 with warm days and cool, foggy nights that offered the perfect conditions for fruit and tannin maturity. This season started about one week earlier than last year, and we closely monitored the water stress of the vines, since this vineyard is in such a warm area. We adjusted the crop to achieve the proper balance, then patiently waited for the fruit to ripen and tannins to mature. This vineyard was night harvested on two separate days, about a week apart, allowing the fruit from each rootstock to obtain those sweet, juicy flavors.

SENSORY EVALUATION

The 2013 Dragonfly Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon offers violet and rose petal aromas layered with juicy berry fruit. Upon first sip, lush cranberry and wild raspberry flavors harmonize with hints of vanilla and baking spices, persisting from start to finish. This wine is beautifully balanced with a rich, elegant texture, beautiful acidity and polished tannins.

APPELLATION

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VARIETAL

100% Cabernet Sauvignon

AGING

French oak barrels
(48% new, 52% once-used)

RELEASE DATE

September 2016

HARVEST DATES

September 18 - 25, 2013

SKIN CONTACT

13 days

TIME

17 months

FIRST VINTAGE

1997