



2013 QUICKSILVER VINEYARD

Cabernet Sauvignon, Rutherford, Napa Valley



VINEYARD DESCRIPTION

The Quicksilver Vineyard lies on the western Rutherford bench, in the acclaimed area on Bella Oaks Lane. The soils are predominantly well drained loams that produce vines of moderate size. These older vines were planted to the California sprawl system, with wider spacing and a divided canopy, giving great exposure to the fruit. Minimal irrigation is needed to obtain maximum fruit potential.

HARVEST NOTES

Similar to 2012, warm days and cool, foggy nights prevailed, offering the perfect conditions for fruit and tannin maturity. The season began about 10 days ahead of last year and the crop load was lighter due to rigorous pruning. We pulled leaves at the center of the vine and around the clusters to allow proper exposure, then waited for the warm, summer temperatures to ripen the fruit. This vineyard is located at the Rutherford and Oakville boundary, and the cooler nights in this area allowed the fruit to hang until mid-October, gaining full maturity.

SENSORY EVALUATION

The 2013 Quicksilver Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon presents intriguing aromas of plum, cherry, raspberry and sage. These vibrant fruit characteristics are carried on to the palate with hints of thyme, black tea and signature Rutherford dust. This medley of juicy fruits and herb makes this wine remarkably appealing, while the elegant and coating texture carries these flavors to a luscious finish.

APPELLATION

Rutherford, Napa Valley

VARIETAL

100% Cabernet Sauvignon

AGING

French oak barrels
(46% new, 54% once-used)

RELEASE DATE

September 2016

HARVEST DATES

October 14 - 15, 2013

SKIN CONTACT

14 - 15 days

TIME

18 months

FIRST VINTAGE

2012