



2013 Cabernet Sauvignon

WINEMAKER PHILIPPE MELKA'S TASTING NOTES

Napa Valley's 2013 vintage will most likely go down in history as one of its best. The beautiful deep, dark red color and nose of the 2013 ROY Estate Cabernet Sauvignon immediately invite you in with notes of cherry griottes, currant, leather and tea leaves. Silky upon entry and yet very firm, the palate is treated to a generous roundness and finesse. The great core of sweet ripe fruit, chocolate covered cherries, blackberry, blueberry, black licorice, sweet vanilla, exotic spices and a touch of smokiness bursts from the glass with a minerality complementing the fruits. This youthful wine of powerful richness and depth with beautifully integrated tannins in its complex structure will only continue to evolve and gain more complexity with age. The vineyard of ROY Estate continues to mature and produces amazing fruit & wines.

For optimum enjoyment of this wine, please decant and serve at about 64 °F.

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VARIETAL AND HARVEST INFORMATION

Varietal: Cabernet Sauvignon

Appellation: Napa Valley (nestled in Soda Canyon just south of Stags Leap District)

Blend: 100% ROY Estate - 100% Cabernet Sauvignon

Harvested: October 7-14, 2013

VINIFICATION

Concrete tanks/Open top fermenters

Maceration Time: 21 days

Malolactic Fermentation: 100% barrel fermentation

BOTTLED

January 21, 2016

FINISHED WINE

Alcohol: 15.0% TA: 5.56 g/l pH: 3.84

BARREL AGE

26 months in new French oak

No fining/No filtration

COOPERAGE

100% new Taransaud French oak

PRODUCTION

450 cases



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A Cabernet Sauvignon Dry Red Table Wine from Napa, North Coast, California, USA

Rating: 95-97

Drink: 2015-2045

Source: Wine Advocate #221 (Oct. 2015)

Scheduled for bottling several months after I tasted it, the 2013 Cabernet Sauvignon Estate may well turn out to be the finest wine the Roy family has yet made and is a tribute to Shirley Roy's professionalism and dedication to this estate. This Cabernet Sauvignon has an opaque purple color and a beautiful nose of mulberries, pen ink, graphite and blackberries. Some licorice, vanilla and spice also jump from the glass. Full-bodied, built like a skyscraper, with fabulous purity and palate presence, this wine will ultimately spend 27 months in 100% new Taransaud oak, much like the 2012.

This is still a somewhat under-the-radar, small estate dedicated to world-class wines made in a fairly hidden area on the eastern side of Napa Valley known as Soda Canyon, which is essentially in the foothills of the eastern Vaca Mountains. Shirley Roy, who has been the sole proprietress since her husband passed away in 2010, has 17 acres planted (originally by Helen Turley and John Wetlaufer for the Roys). From the vineyard she produces two wines, a Cabernet Sauvignon and a Proprietary Red Wine blend.

-Robert Parker