



2013 Proprietary Red Wine

WINEMAKER PHILIPPE MELKA'S TASTING NOTES

The 2013 Roy Estate Proprietary Red is not a shy wine! This dark violet beauty explodes from the glass with loads of velvety chocolate, wild cherry, plum, leather, licorice and clove. Exciting the palate are endless full-bodied layers of complexity and lush mouthfeel with notes of blackberries, exotic spices and crème de cassis. The wine has great concentration with rich, but smooth tannins and well integrated French oak. Truly another perfect expression of this special, unique estate. It's drinking beautifully now with its purity and youthful freshness, but will age gracefully for 20 or more.

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

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VARIETAL AND HARVEST INFORMATION

Varietals: Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot and Petit Verdot

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

Blend: 100% ROY Estate 73% Cabernet Sauvignon, 19% Merlot, 8% Petit Verdot

Harvested: September 27 - October 14, 2013

VINIFICATION

Concrete tanks/Open top fermenters

Maceration Time: 21 days

Malolactic Fermentation: 100% barrel fermentation

BOTTLED

August 21, 2015

FINISHED WINE

Alcohol: 15.0% TA: 5.4 g/l pH: 3.94

BARREL AGE

21 months in new French oak

No fining/No filtration

COOPERAGE

100% new Taransaud French oak

PRODUCTION

600 cases



2013 ROY Estate Proprietary Red Wine

A Proprietary Blend Dry Red Table Wine from Napa, North Coast, California, USA

Rating: 96+

Drink: 2020-2045

Source: Wine Advocate #221 (Oct 2015)

The wine is a beauty, with loads of charcoal, scorched earth, blackcurrants and blackberry fruit present, along with underlying smoky notes. It is dense purple, full-bodied, and rich, with moderate tannin. This wine will benefit from another 4-5 years of cellaring and drink well for another 20-25 years.

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, has 17 acres planted (originally by Helen Turley and John Wetlaufer for the Roys) that includes 12 blocks of Cabernet Sauvignon and the rest Merlot and Petit Verdot. From the vineyard she produces two wines, a Cabernet Sauvignon and a Proprietary Red Wine blend.

-Robert Parker