

SONOMA MOUNTAIN

CABERNET SAUVIGNON

2013

VINEYARD NOTES

Viticulturist Phil Coturri led our transition to organic farming beginning in 2011. In addition to developing a comprehensive schedule of cover crops, he updated the vineyard's trellising system, pruning practices and began dramatically limiting irrigation. The 2013 growing season was the first time we had irrigated any part of the vineyard since 2010: we watered on e block once. In the winery, winemaker Randall Watkins modified how the grapes were handled at harvest, implementing cluster and berry sorting to increase opulence and polish. The changes we've made to farming and winemaking have made a noticeable difference to wine quality and the health of the vineyard.

VINTAGE NOTES

The 2013 Laurel Glen Vineyard Estate Cabernet Sauvignon is a beautiful illustration of the years of work we've put into elevating practices in the vineyard and winery. A mild winter led to an early bud break followed by ideal weather. Even though picking began about ten days earlier than in 2012, on September 25th, the early early bud break left plenty of time for flavor development. Yields at Laurel Glen Vineyard were lighter than average at about 2.4 tons per acre, but the quality of the fruit was exceptional. Justly lauded, the 2013 vintage yielded grapes with intense concentration and beautiful aromatics.

TASTING NOTES

"Beautiful purple inky color, with clean raspberry and cassis nose. A little sweet ripeness on the attack and medium bodied flavor that leaves a soft lush finish that lingers just long enough. Tannins are smooth and polished, ready to drink now, or hold for a good number of years." - Richard Dean, Master Sommelier

APPELLATION: Sonoma Mountain

AGE OF VINES: 13 - 39 years

VARIETAL COMPOSITION: 100% Estate Cabernet Sauvignon

OAK: 60% new, 100% Tonnellerie Taransaud

ALCOHOL: 14.3% by volume **CASE PRODUCTION:** 1,030 9L Cases

