



Girard

NAPA VALLEY

CABERNET SAUVIGNON

2013

Background

For the past 40 years, Girard has been singularly dedicated to ensuring balance in our wines. This is achieved by meticulously focusing on making choices that respect the grapes and Napa Valley heritage at each step of the winemaking process. We work closely with our long-time growers in both mountain and valley vineyards to ensure vines are nurtured to develop balanced sugar and acidity in the grapes when it comes time to harvest. In our state-of-the-art winery, we employ innovative barrel technology to bring out the ripe fruit characteristics during the fermentation and aging process. Our dedication to quality throughout the winemaking process is evident in our consistently award-winning wines that offer richness, complexity and balance in each sip.

Girard sources its Cabernet grapes from a variety of respected sub-appellations throughout Napa Valley. We feel this diversity in sourcing helps develop layers of complexity that span the range of Cabernet's impact on the palate. Our diversity also extends to our barrels. We work with over 40 different makers of French Oak barrels. When choosing the Cabernet that will make it to the final blend for Girard we not only look at each lot individually, we also look at the individual barrels used for aging. This allows us more opportunity to develop layers of complexity from the oak aging as well.

Appellation

Napa Valley

Sourcing

St. Helena and Pope Valley

Varietal Composition

79% Cabernet Sauvignon, 7% Merlot, 6% Cabernet Franc, 5% Petit Verdot, 3% Malbec

Winemaking

Textbook conditions saw near-ideal spring bud break, steady flowering, even fruit set, and a lengthy stretch of warm days and cool and often foggy nights during the long summer months. Late and light rains held off until Napa Valley's treasured wine grapes found optimal ripeness, bringing exceptional quality to the crush pad and into the cellar. The abundance of perfectly ripe grapes - with a smooth balance of acids and sugars - provided a broad sweep of opportunities for winemakers to cull only the most selected fruit.

Tasting Notes

Aromatics showcase dark fruit notes intertwined with mocha and vanilla bean. Baking spice notes also blend with hints of aged cigar box. On the palate we see blackberry and cassis, mocha powder and a touch of rich leather. The finish of the Cabernet showcases rich dark fruit and expressive tannins.

Technical Data

pH 3.67
TA 0.6 g/100 mL
RS 0.97 g/L
Alc. 14.5%

Wine Maker

Glenn Hugo