

TASTING NOTES



STONESTREET ESTATE CABERNET SAUVIGNON, 2013

BACKGROUND

STONESTREET WINERY PRODUCES CABERNET SAUVIGNON, MERLOT, CHARDONNAY, AND SAUVIGNON BLANC. THE WINERY USES NATURAL YEASTS FOR FERMENTATION AND ESCHEWS FILTERING. WINEMAKER GRAHAM WEERTS PREVIOUSLY WORKED FOR BELLINGHAM WINERY IN CAPE TOWN, SOUTH AFRICA.

IN THE AUTUMN OF 1989, JESS JACKSON ACQUIRED THE ZELLERBACH WINERY AND RENAMED IT IN HONOR OF HIS LATE FATHER, JESS STONESTREET JACKSON. STONESTREET QUICKLY GARNERED INTERNATIONAL ACCLAIM FOR THEIR POWERFUL REDS AND LUSCIOUS WHITES. TODAY, STONESTREET WINES ARE UNDERGOING A TRANSFORMATION, USING FRUIT FROM ALEXANDER MOUNTAIN ESTATE AND NEW WINEMAKING TECHNIQUES. ALEXANDER MOUNTAIN ESTATE, WITH LEAN, WELL-DRAINING SOILS AND COOLER TEMPERATURE, PRODUCES FRUIT WITH SMALLER BERRIES AND MORE INTENSE COLOR AND FLAVOR. STONESTREET IS DEDICATED TO FULFILLING THE PROMISE OF ALEXANDER VALLEY'S EXCEPTIONAL AND DISTINCTIVE VINEYARDS. TRADITIONAL, OLD WORLD METHODS OF HAND HARVESTING, SMALL BARREL LOT PRODUCTION, NATIVE YEAST FERMENTATION AND BOTTLING EACH WINE UNFILTERED BRINGS OUT THE BEST IN SPECIFIC GRAPE VARIETIES AND PROVIDES THE QUALITY FRAMEWORK FOR EACH STONESTREET WINE.

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THE 2013 STONESTREET ESTATE CABERNET SAUVIGNON IS A PURE REFLECTION OF OUR HIGH-ELEVATION VINEYARD ESTATE, SHOWCASING THE WIDE VARIETY OF FACINGS, SOILS AND FLORA FOUND ON ITS PRIMARY RIDGE. VIBRANT AROMAS OF BRAMBLY BLACKBERRY, BLACK CURRANT, SMOKY TOBACCO LEAF, AND SAGE DOMINATE, WHILE UNDERNEATH ONE FINDS SUBTLE UNDERTONES OF WHITE PEPPERCORN AND DRIED CRANBERRY. THE PALATE OFFERS DARK, SAVOURY FLAVOURS OF PLUM COMPOTE, BLACK CHERRY, DRIED HERBS DE PROVENCE, AND A TOUCH OF VANILLA BEAN, ENVELOPED IN FINE TANNINS THAT EXTEND THE WINE THROUGH A LENGTHY COCOA-POWDER LADEN FINISH.

REVIEWS

90 POINTS. ROBERT M. PARKER JR. (ROBERT PARKER'S WINE ADVOCATE):

"THE 2013 CABERNET SAUVIGNON ESTATE FROM MONUMENT RIDGE IS 98% CABERNET SAUVIGNON AGED 18 MONTHS IN 37% NEW FRENCH OAK. IT IS AN OUTSTANDING WINE, WITH THE OAK PUSHED TO THE BACKGROUND. NOTES OF CRUSHED ROCKS, SPRING FLOWERS, BLACKCURRANTS, PLUMS, AND ASIAN SPICE ARE FOLLOWED BY A RICH, FULL-BODIED, PURE AND IMPRESSIVE CABERNET. IT SHOULD DRINK WELL FOR AT LEAST 15 OR 20 YEARS."

91 POINTS. ANTONIO GALLONI (VINOUS):

"DARK CHERRY, PLUM, MOCHA, LICORICE, SPICE AND GRAVEL ARE ALL PUSHED FORWARD... A HABITAT TO COUGARS, OWLS AND BLACK BEARS. PLENTY OF THE TYPICAL SAVORY/GRAPHITE NOTES THAT ARE SO TYPICAL OF THIS SITE."



VINTAGE: 2013

WINERY: STONESTREET ([HTTP://WWW.STONESTREETWINES.COM/](http://www.stonestreetwines.com/))

REGION: CALIFORNIA

AVAILABILITY: AVAILABLE NOW IN VINTAGES

LCBO NUMBER: 435099

BOTTLE SIZE: 750 ML

COMPOSITION: CABERNET SAUVIGNON (100%)