

Heitz Cellar

2013 Martha's Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon Oakville, Napa Valley



Winemaker's Insight

This wine was introduced in 1966 as the first vineyard-designated Cabernet in Napa Valley, and it has since become one of the most acclaimed Cabernet Sauvignons in the world. Tucked in the celebrated Oakville AVA, with fertile, well-drained soil and afternoon shade, this superior site is home to the unique proprietary cabernet clone which has brought this vineyard legendary status.

"The 2013 Martha's Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon expresses the classic Martha's characteristics. Notes of mint, bay leaf, cocoa powder, blackberries, ripe raspberries and black cherry are complemented by the signature kiss of Limousin oak for a subtle baking spice and Madagascar vanilla lift. On the palate, this wine wins you over with its generous, silky tannin structure with a finish that reminds you of its aging potential. The signature of the 2013 is its concentration of flavor from a near perfect growing season, and a bold structure that guarantees a long life of cellar aging"

- Brittany Sherwood, Winemaker

2013 Vintage

A textbook growing season led to excellent ripening conditions rewarding us with a high-quality crop. The warm spring led to an early bud break, exceptional weather through flowering brought consistent fruit set, and the even growing season allowed berries to ripen and mature to their full flavor potential. When fermentations were complete, we were impressed with the powerful tannin structure these young wines possessed. Heitz Cellar's long barrel aging regime for our single-vineyard Cabernet Sauvignons softens the structure of these wines to enjoy them upon release, and cellaring for 15+ years will see why 2013 is a vintage to remember.

Wine Data

Varietal Composition: 100% Cabernet Sauvignon

AVA: Oakville, Napa Valley

Vineyard Designation: Martha's Vineyard

Alc. by vol: 14.5%

pH: 3.35 **TA g/L:** 6.7

Aging Regime: 1 year in neutral oak tanks, 3 years in 100% new French Limousin oak barrels, followed by 1 year cellared in bottle.

Stewardship: Certified organic by CCOF

Harvest Date: October 1 to October 6, 2013

Release Date: February, 2018

Cases produced: 2,300

Founded in 1961, Heitz Cellar is a Napa Valley legend that has helped shape the history of Napa Valley winemaking. Pioneering vintner Joe Heitz ushered in Napa's modern era with his iconic, globally-celebrated wines, including Napa Valley's first vineyard-designated Cabernet Sauvignon, the renowned Heitz Cellar Martha's Vineyard. In 2018, the winery entered an exciting new chapter as the Heitz family passed this rich legacy into the hands of the Lawrence family, whose deep roots in agriculture and commitment to the same core values of fine winemaking made it a perfect match. Made with an unwavering commitment to quality from organically farmed, 100% Napa Valley fruit, Heitz celebrates its agrarian roots and commitment to the stewardship of Napa Valley.