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NAPA VALLEY



## 2013 Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon

*Monitor Ledge Vineyard*

Monitor Ledge is named for an outcropping of rock in the mountains overlooking the vineyard and has been an important component of Duckhorn Vineyards wine blends since 1985. Located on the alluvial fan of Selby Creek and featuring lean, well-draining soils that force the small berry-producing vines to struggle, Monitor Ledge benefits from excellent sun exposure that consistently produces ideal ripening. This unique wine displays exceptional intensity and structure alongside rich dark berry elements and complex barrel flavors.

### 2013 Harvest Notes

The 2013 harvest was early, even and excellent with all of our Estate fruit in the winery by October 10th. A warm dry spring brought an early bud break and created ideal conditions for flowering and fruit set. In the weeks after Labor Day, a moderate heat event followed by a period of perfect weather created a dream scenario for end-of-season ripening. Rain was not a factor, and for the second vintage in a row, the quality of the grapes was exceptional throughout Napa Valley.

### Comments from the Winemaker

Aromas of boysenberry, raspberry and white pepper rise from the glass, followed by hints of Ancho chili and toasty oak. On the palate, the boysenberry and raspberry notes continue, mingling with layers of graham cracker, graphite and fresh-baked strawberry rhubarb pie. Sweet oak finesses the mid-palate, while firm tannins and ample acidity set the framework for a long, lingering finish.

### Varietal Content

90% Cabernet Sauvignon, 5% Merlot, 5% Petit Verdot

### Harvest Information

Appellation: Napa Valley

Harvest Dates: September 9 – October 7, 2013

Average Sugar at Harvest: 27.1° Brix

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### Cooperage

100% French oak Chateau-style barrels (60 gallons)

Barrel Aging: 18 months

Age of Barrels: 85% new, 15% neutral

### Production/Technical Data

Alcohol: 14.5%

.56 g/100ml titratable acidity

10-12 days fermentation at 82°F

pH: 3.89

Bottled: July 2015

Release Date: September 2016

