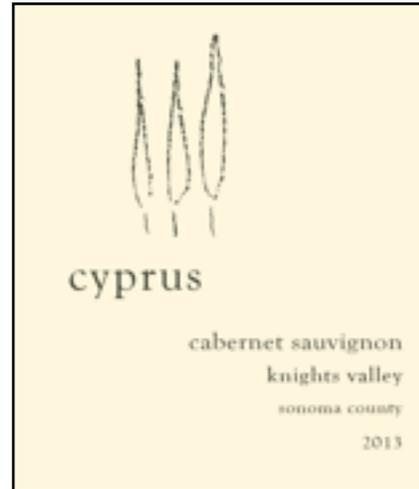


2013 Cyprus Cabernet Sauvignon | *Knights Valley*

Vineyards- Located on a north-facing ridge in Sonoma County's Knights Valley AVA, at elevations ranging from 300 to 1300 feet, is the Totem Ridge Vineyard. Most vines were planted in 1991 under the guidance of the renowned Paul VanderSchalie, whose work as a viticulturist in Knights Valley spanned thirty years and included his influence on nearby Peter Michael Winery. The soil is a rich, rocky volcanic loam that gives the distinctive intensity to Cabernet from this AVA.

Vintage- The 2013 growing season essentially offered conditions that were as close to perfect as they come. Early winter rains were followed by a warm, dry spring, resulting in an early growing season that saw no frost. Summer was warm, but without the usual heat spikes to shut the vines down or produce sunburn. Ripening occurred earlier than usual, and was very even. The wines are bright, energetic, with beautiful aromatics and full of complexity.



Fermentation: After picking, the fruit was thoroughly hand sorted. We crushed 50% of the grapes to release their tannins and add structure, while the remaining grapes were left whole to bolster the wine's aromatics. All fruit was gravity fed into open top fermenters to cold soak and ferment. We fermented at 85°F for color extraction and phenolic structure, then pressed off to barrel to finish fermentation, helping to integrate the oak while maintaining the aromatic profile.

Harvest Date: October 14th 2013

Winemakers: Dan Fitzgerald

Assistant Winemaker: Nicole Michael

Cooperage & Aging: The wine was aged in 100% French oak (30% new) for 22 months.

Bottling: August 2015

Sensory Notes: The 2013 Cyprus Cabernet Sauvignon is aromatically expressive with ripe, black plum, currant and minerally graphite. The structure is firm with soft, elegant tannins and mouth-watering acidity. Flavors of black forest fruit, dark cocoa, mint and anise are melded together on the finish.

Final Technical Information:

pH: 3.64 **TA:** .61 g/100ml **Alc:** 13.9%

Available Formats: 750ml

Suggested Retail Price: \$35.00