

## 2013 Scholar & Mason Cabernet Sauvignon | *Napa Valley*

**Vineyards-** The 2013 Scholar & Mason Cabernet is sourced from vineyards located on opposite ends of the Napa Valley. The majority of the blend hails from Yountville, located on the North side. The remaining portion comes from Calistoga on the South end of the valley.

**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:** Half of the grapes were de-stemmed and half crushed, then transferred by gravity to stainless steel fermentation tanks. After a long, cold soak, the must was allowed to warm and ferment with indigenous yeast. After a steady fermentation to complete dryness, the new wine stayed on the grape skins for an extended maceration to develop mouthfeel and structure. The wine was pressed off 38 days after it went into tank. Malolactic fermentation was left to complete indigenously.

**Harvest Dates:** October 16<sup>th</sup>, 2013

**Winemakers:** Dan Fitzgerald

**Assistant Winemaker:** Nicole Michael

**Cooperage & Aging:** Aged in 100% French oak barrels (45% new) for 19 months.

**Bottling:** May 2015

**Sensory Notes:** The 2013 Scholar & Mason Cabernet Sauvignon is aromatically expressive with notes of dark cherries, ripe plum, menthol and pencil shavings. The structure is supple and generous with long, elegant tannins and balanced acidity. The finish is concentrated with currant, dark forest fruit, charcuterie and cedar spice.

**Final Technical Information:**

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pH: 3.62      TA: .61 g/100ml      Alc: 13.8%

**Available Formats:** 750ml

**Suggested Retail Price:** \$35.00

**Varietals:** 92% Cabernet Sauvignon

6% Cabernet Franc

2% Malbec

