



2013 HL Cabernet Sauvignon

Winemaking Notes:

With the beautifully balanced, but warmer growing season, the 2013 vintage gave us more of an old world, rustic character. The intensity of color and extract was ideal, but the 2013 vintage offered even broader wines than the fruit-forward Cabernets from 2012. The typical Herb Lamb Vineyard characteristics of tobacco, dusty chocolate, menthol, cedar and red and blue fruits is predominant. On the nose there is a woody note of chestnut combined with sweet red fruits. In the mouth, you find cranberry, cherry, dried blueberry and spices of Mexican chocolate. More black cherry pie and dusty coca flavors are highlighted by a wealth of caramel, cinnamon and spice flavors, making it very rich in the mouth with an added depth and extraction. The 2013 HL Vineyards Cabernet Sauvignon shows good balance with fine grain tannins and great length on the finish, and it seems better structured, bigger, more densely packed and worthy of age than the previous vintages.

Vintage Notes:

2013 was another vintage of very little rainfall but showed text-book growing conditions. In the vineyard we had early bud break, early flower set, early veraison, and an ideal, balanced summer leading to an early harvest. We had no frost in the spring, with warmer weather and a few heat spikes in the summer and no significant rain until just before harvest, which did no damage as the winds came through and dried the fruit. Amazingly enough, even after the generous harvest in 2012 we still picked almost the same bountiful yields in 2013 with excellent ripeness and great acid balance.

Technical Data:

Alcohol: 14.4

Barrels: 100% new French oak

Appellation: Napa Valley

Case production: 380

Vineyard: Herb Lamb Vineyard