

Martin Ray

VINEYARDS & WINERY

RESERVE

2013 DIAMOND MOUNTAIN DISTRICT CABERNET SAUVIGNON



100% Cabernet Sauvignon
Diamond Mountain District
Brix at Harvest 27.0°
pH 3.82
Total Acidity 6.0 g/L
Alcohol 14.9%
October 2015 Release

THE VINEYARDS

We sourced the grapes for our Martin Ray Diamond Mountain District Cabernet Sauvignon from two very different, but complimentary vineyards: Constant Vineyards on its rugged volcanic soil, and Andrew Geoffrey lower on the mountain with its highly variable silty loam. The vineyards enjoy a climate where mornings are typically brisk and fog-free, while northwesterly winds continually cool the vineyard throughout the long growing season. These unique mountain vineyard sites provide a variety of nutrient-rich soils, superior exposure to sunlight and evening cooling for small, intensely flavored berries and fragrant, flavorful wines.

VINTAGE NOTES

The 2013 vintage was a winemaker's dream harvest. A mild spring with little rain and a warm summer with cool nights and no heat spikes created a perfect growing season for the grapes. Fruit quality was stellar across the board with clean, well-developed flavors and fully ripe fruit with good acids. One of the fastest harvests in years with overall tonnage up in most varieties.

WINEMAKING NOTES

All contributing lots are fermented in small 4-6 ton open top fermenters with at least thrice daily pump overs for cap management. After the wine has finished fermentation and gone dry, it is allowed to rest on its skins for up to a month before being drained and pressed via the gentle basket press. Aged for 18 months in 70% new French oak.

TASTING NOTES

Always the most boastful of the Reserve Cabernets, the 2013 vintage is no exception with its bold wild raspberries and blackberries, black currants and subtle undertones of dried sage that give a deceiving hint of sweetness. The beautifully refined fruit is stacked generously on the mountain fruit's tell-tale foundation of robust tannins and its unobtrusive caramel oak presence.

FOOD & WINE PAIRING

Pair with Steak au Poivre.