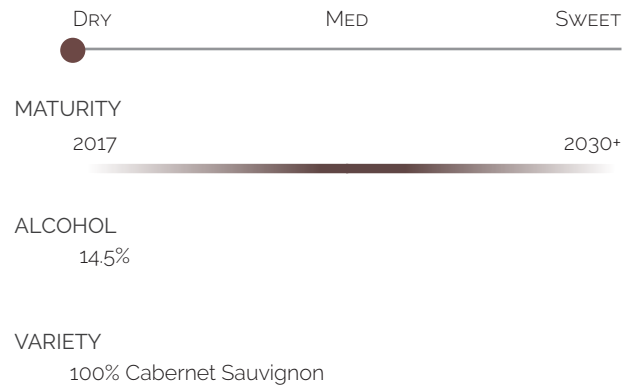


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2013 'CASK 23'
CABERNET SAUVIGNON
CALIFORNIA, USA



Colour Notes

Dense, rich purple hue.

Aroma Notes

The 2013 CASK 23 combines the signature perfume notes of FAY vineyard with the structure and minerality of S.L.V. Aromas of black cherry, cola, currant and ripe figs begin the nose of this rich and opulent Cabernet Sauvignon.

Palate Notes

The palate is full of black fruit (black plum and black cherry) and blueberry flavours that lead to an intense, lingering finish with a touch of cocoa. Tannins are ripe and soft and the wine is full of fruit.

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Robert Parker - The Wine Advocate

97 PARKER POINTS

The 2013 Cabernet Sauvignon Cask 23 is backward, but concentrated, with beautiful blue, red and black fruits, spring flowers, a touch of toasty oak, relatively noticeable tannin and a full-bodied, multi-layered mouthfeel. This is coiled tight compared to the 2012, but has fabulous upside potential. Forget it for another 3-4 years and drink it over the following 25-30 years.

Maturity

2019

2046

Wine Spectator

90 POINTS

Showing a harmonious presentation of spicy oak and rich berry, this is elegant and refined. Slow to uncoil, revealing subtle flavor nuances of earth, herb, currant, olive and underbrush.

Maturity

2019

2029

Wine Enthusiast

92 POINTS

This is a rich, peppery and generously tannic and full-bodied expression of the grape, both powerful and brimming in grace. Soft and mellow on the midpalate, it builds up ripeness and texture toward the finish, ending with a satisfying bite of graham cracker and chocolate.

Vinous - Antonio Galloni

96 POINTS

The 2013 Cabernet Sauvignon CASK 23 is another total knock-out from Stag's Leap Wine Cellars. Sculpted and nuanced, the 2013 presents a striking mélange of typical Stags Leap notes. Violets, lavender, mint, cloves, graphite and dark spice are some of the signatures in a Cabernet that achieves a compelling balance of power, finesse and overall intensity. This tightly coiled Cabernet is going to need a few years to fully come together, but it is terrific and a great example of what Stags Leap Cabernets are all about... the wines are so brilliant and such a significant departure from the past that I tasted through the range twice... these 2013s show none of the flaws that marred some wines in the past. Needless to say, it will be fascinating to see where things go, but one thing is clear; the three flagship Cabernets are all fabulous.

Wine & Spirits

96 POINTS

...What's remarkable about this 2013 is how those elements combine in a wine with the textural richness and polish of great Stags Leap District Cabernet and then expand into fragrance. It's a wine with forward motion, what senior editor Luke Sykora described as "a torrent of fruit in the middle, propulsive fruit that pushes the oak to the side." The lasting impression is savory and bright, a wine that looks up to the future, one that will live long among the greats of the 2013 vintage in Napa Valley.