



WINEMAKER NOTES

Named for the founders of our historic 1885 winery, our Rennie Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon stems from thirty years of farming a small, three-acre block on the Flora Springs Estate in the far southwest corner of the St. Helena appellation. With the precise use of deficit irrigation, perfectly matched clone to soil selection and proper row orientation, this block is arguably the finest of our 650 acres of vineyard. We call it Block C, a percentage of which we use to create our Rennie Reserve Cabernet. The 2013 vintage exhibits a dense, dark chocolate character in the nose, followed by black currant and juniper berries. Crème de cassis explodes in the mouth, with hints of coffee, black pepper and sandalwood rounding out the mouthfeel. This is a larger-than-life Cabernet, finishing with notes of ground allspice that linger on the palate. The Rennie Reserve wine can be paired with any hearty dish including your favorite cut of beef.

ALL THE FACTS

Appellation: *St. Helena, Napa Valley*

Varietal: *100% Cabernet Sauvignon*

Cases Produced: *650*

Aging: *22 months in 95% French, 5% American oak (70% new)*

Suggested Retail Price: *\$150*

Enjoyability: *Drink now or cellar. Pull the cork until 2029 for optimum enjoyment.*

ON THE VINE

The stellar 2013 vintage in Napa Valley began with a warm spring that brought early bud break and created superb conditions for flowering and fruit set. With the exception of one heat spike, summer temperatures were consistently in the zone for optimal vine activity resulting in notably healthy vines as fruit went through veraison and ripening. Harvest was early, and continued dry weather extended these ideal ripening conditions until the last grapes were picked.