



THE VISIONARY

EXCEPTIONAL PARCEL RELEASE

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CABERNET SAUVIGNON 2013

REGION

Clare Valley

VINTAGE CONDITIONS

In the Clare Valley, growing conditions leading up to vintage 2013 could best be described as benign, apart from a frost event of mid-October which impacted several blocks on our estate vineyards. There were few significant rainfall events over the growing period with the season being described overall as dry. The first week of December saw a 30mm down pour which was a season changer. Without the rain event, the overall yields from 2013 would have been very low. Harvest conditions were ideal with the first varieties picked in early February. Our winemakers report that quality is outstanding across all varieties, with excellent acid balance & flavour development displayed in the resultant wines.

COLOUR

At release, the wine is a deep, dark garnet colour with a subtle purple hue to the edge.

NOSE

Blackcurrants, dark plum, cassis, mocha, cedar, cigar box & subtle choc mint.

PALATE

Rich & complex with understated elegance. Classic blackcurrant, dark cherry and mint characters intertwine perfectly with the hallmark long, fine tannins on the palate. There is a subtle, underlying smoky, charred oak character and a hint of roasted coffee grounds on the back palate. The finish is perfectly poised and boldly declares the stature of the wine; full of the potential for greatness.

OAK MATURATION

The wine was afforded extended skin contact before pressing. The wine was then transferred to fine-grained French oak barrels - 40 % in new oak & the balance in 2-3 year old barrels. After 12 months a barrel selection assessment identified 'exceptional' parcels to return to barrel for another 6 months prior to bottling.

CELLARING NOTES

Immediately approachable but will cellar well in ideal conditions for up to 20 years from vintage date.

TECHNICAL DETAILS

Alcohol	14.4%	Acid	6.39g/litre
		Residual Sugar	0.39g/litre





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A W A R D S & M E D A L S

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2017	Asia Wine Trophy	Grand Gold
2017	Catad'Or World Wine Awards	Great Gold
2016	China Wine & Spirit Awards	Double Gold
2016	VINUS International Wine and Spirits Competition	Double Gold
2016	La Mujer Elige International Wine and Spirits Competition	Double Gold
2017	Critics Challenge International Wine & Spirits Competition	Critics Gold
2013	The Global Cabernet Sauvignon Masters	Gold
2016	MUNDUS VINI International Wine Awards	Gold
2016	Wine Luxe International Awards	Gold
2017	Sakura Japan Women's Wine Awards	Gold
2017	Gilbert & Gaillard International Challenge	Gold
2017	Concours International des Cabernets	Gold
2017	Korean Wine Challenge	Gold



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EXPERT REVIEWS

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92/100 OUTSTANDING

Expressive and richly fragrant, with nutmeg, clove, cigar box and black tea notes and a core of dense huckleberry and plum flavors. The aromas expand on the finish, where a smoky detail gains momentum. Drink now through 2027.

JAN 2017, MaryAnn Worobiec, Wine Spectator

96/100

This is the second vintage that I've had the opportunity to taste, and my notes are nearly identical to the 2010 I tasted in 2015. Classic Cabernet that isn't ashamed of its regional minty character, but doesn't overplay its hand, allowing the fruit and spice notes to speak clearly. Age-worthy structure and lively acidity bode well for the long haul, but you may not make it very long, especially if you like that mint character on the bright side. A fine tribute to founder Bill Taylor.

JAN 2017, Rich Cook, WineReviewOnline

92/100

Agently lifted edge with a sheen of baking spices, ripe purple cherry and cassis fruits as well as a minty, leafy edge. The palate's rich and dense and the oak is nicely subsumed into the fruit. Slightly pudding-like texture through the finish. Drink now to 2025.

JAN 2017, Nick Stock, JamesSuckling.com
