

Heitz Cellar

2013 Trailside Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon Rutherford, Napa Valley



Winemaker's Insight

Since 1986, this outstanding vineyard has been part of the Heitz estate, producing the first Trailside Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon in 1989 and is one of our three, single-vineyard Cabernet Sauvignons. Nestled between the Silverado Trail and Conn Creek on the fertile, eastern side of the Rutherford AVA, only the best vineyard blocks are selected for this earthy, yet delicate wine.

"The silky tannins and tightly wound core of this wine are hallmark signs of this vintage's aging potential. Blackberry, ripe raspberry, cassis liqueur, and briar notes fill the glass and are complemented by an earthy sweetness that Trailside has become synonymous with. Fresh vanilla, toasted nuts, and baking spice characteristics from the Limousin oak give an elegant lift to the ripe fruit notes."

- Brittany Sherwood, Winemaker

2013 Vintage

A textbook perfect growing season led to excellent ripening conditions rewarding us with a high-quality crop. The warm spring led to an early bud break, exceptional weather through flowering caused healthy and consistent fruit set, and the weather during the growing season allowed berries to ripen and mature to their full flavor potential. Harvesting our red wines began the second week of September and finished on October 6th. When fermentations were complete, we were impressed with the powerful tannin structure these young wines possessed. Heitz Cellar's long barrel aging regime for our single-vineyard Cabernet Sauvignons softens the structure of these wines to enjoy them upon release, however those with the patience to cellar for 15+ years will see why 2013 is a vintage to remember.

Wine Data

Varietal Composition: 100% Cabernet Sauvignon

AVA: Rutherford, Napa Valley

Alc. by vol: 14.5%

pH: 3.50 **TA g/L:** 6.9

Aging Regime: 9 months in neutral oak tanks, 3 years in 100% new French Limousin oak barrels, followed by 2 years cellared in bottle.

Stewardship: Certified organic by CCOF; Fish Friendly Farming

Harvest Date: September 18 to September 22, 2013

Release Date: April 1, 2019

Cases Produced: 2,176

Founded in 1961, Heitz Cellar is a Napa Valley legend that has helped shape the history of Napa Valley winemaking. Pioneering vintner Joe Heitz ushered in Napa's modern era with his iconic, globally-celebrated wines, including Napa Valley's first vineyard-designated Cabernet Sauvignon, the renowned Heitz Cellar Martha's Vineyard. In 2018, the winery entered an exciting new chapter as the Heitz family passed this rich legacy into the hands of the Lawrence family, whose deep roots in agriculture and commitment to the same core values of fine winemaking made it a perfect match. Made with an unwavering commitment to quality from organically farmed, 100% Napa Valley fruit, Heitz celebrates its agrarian roots and commitment to the stewardship of Napa Valley.