



NEWTON

VINEYARD



2013 UNFILTERED MERLOT

Dedicated to working in harmony with nature to produce remarkable artisan wines, Newton Vineyard transforms fruit of uncompromised quality into wines of distinctive character.

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Our 2013 Unfiltered Merlot was predominantly harvested from the Newton estate on the hillsides of Spring Mountain. Comprised of 112 unique blocks, the vineyards are intertwined with lushly forested terrain creating distinct microclimates, perfect for producing wonderful complexity in the resultant wine.

VINTAGE CONDITIONS

The 2013 vintage in the Napa Valley was warm, dry and early. Despite the ongoing drought conditions over much of California, our vineyards secured just enough winter and spring rainfall to make it through the dry summer months. The grapes were able to fully ripen in ideal conditions in late summer and into fall. 2013 will likely be a celebrated vintage for Napa with powerful and intense flavors, balanced acidity and long rich and mouth filling textures.

VINIFICATION

Once harvested, our Merlot grapes were sorted using an optical sorter that inspects individual berries to ensure uniform, perfect ripeness. The must then underwent five days of a cold soak followed by seven days of fermentation using native yeasts. The wine then rested on the skins for up to a month to develop additional complexity before pressing and aging for 14 months in French oak barrels, 30 percent of which were new.

TASTING NOTES

Smoky, blueberry aromas are punctuated by whiffs of earth and sweet caramel. The palate is dark, brooding and inky, with Dutch cocoa and mocha mingling with ripe fruit flavors, including satsuma plums. The texture is firm and rich with gravelly tannins and a robust, masculine structure.

FOOD PAIRING

Unfiltered Merlot is made for meaty meals, such as slow-cooked ribs, beef Bourgogne, lamb braised in Merlot, Cassoulet, and rare, char-grilled steaks.

SERVING AND CELLARING

With a great pedigree of long term drinkability this wine will reward over 10 years in the cellar.

HARVEST DATES

September 20 - September 25, 2013

COMPOSITION

88% Merlot
8% Malbec
3% Petit Verdot
1% Cabernet Sauvignon

APPELLATION

Napa Valley

pH 3.56 TA 6.3 g/L ALC 14.5%

