

2013 Burgess Cellars product-pdf - Estate Cabernet Sauvignon, MAGNUM - Pioneering Napa Mountain Winery, 92pts!

Why We're Drinking It

Burgess Cellars was one of the first wineries in the valley with the foresight to see the potential and prestige of mountain-grown Cabernet. Their stunning property, 1000ft above the valley floor is comprised of two main vineyards, the Winery Ranch and Haymaker. At the Ranch, the slopes are predominantly a 22% grade and consist of well-draining volcanic ash soils; whereas the Haymaker is an eastern-facing vineyard comprised of ancient marine sedimentary soils. Always interesting finds up in the mountains!

As far as the vintage, 2013 was early, yet balanced. Bud break kicked off on the early side of spring, but moderate temperatures dominated through the season and into the summer, resulting in healthy vines and optimal ripening.

The result is a classic Howell Mountain Cabernet with notes of fresh black currants, cassis, violets and savory herbs with hints of cherries, rounded by warm baking spice and cedar. Nice tannins, and in magnum, this is set to age for another several years, though can certainly be enjoyed now.

Tasting Notes

Deep, dark ruby color. Complex notes of black currants, cassis, violets and savory herbs with a hint of red cherry. Light barrel spice and cedar aromas. Soft and lush mouthfeel, rich texture with subtle and well-integrated tannins. Flavors of black raspberry, dark chocolate, and cherry cola on the finish.

VARIETAL

Cabernet Sauvignon

APPELLATION

Napa Valley

ALCOHOL

14.70

SIZE

1.5L (Magnum)

BLEND

Cabernet Sauvignon

PRODUCTION

6,691 cases

The Story to Know

Burgess Cellars has been family owned and creating wines with mountain distinction since 1972 on Howell Mountain in Napa Valley. When our founder Tom Burgess purchased the 1870's era winery in 1972 he established himself as a pioneer of mountain side wineries. Today, the second generation is building on Tom's legacy. Brothers Steven Burgess and James Burgess took over as President and Vineyard Manager respectively. In 2013, Winemaker Kelly Woods, a UC Davis graduate, completed the new team, and together the trio has fine-tuned the vineyards and cellar to highlight mountain grapes. The new direction of the estate is taking Burgess Cellars to the pinnacle of Napa Valley wine quality. At almost 1000 feet, far above the valley floor, we produce wines from our two estate hillside vineyards, Winery Ranch Vineyard and Haymaker Vineyard. Our hillside grapes tend to be smaller, with more concentrated flavors and tannins, varietal intensity and excellent aging properties. A visit to Burgess Cellars begins with a panoramic vista that offers real perspective on the Napa Valley. One can see the length of the Mayacamas range, from Calistoga to the hills beyond Napa.

Ratings

92+pts, Vinous

The 2013 Cabernet Sauvignon Estate Vineyards is a powerful, burly wine. Lavender, menthol, sage, tobacco, earthiness and plum give the 2013 much of its brooding, intense personality. Despite its considerable intensity, the 2013 has relatively soft tannins for the year, so it should drink well with minimal cellaring. The 2013 is only 75% Cabernet Sauvignon. A good dose of Merlot (12%), Petit Verdot (11%) and Malbec (2%) round out the blend.

92pts Robert Parker Wine Advocate

The 2013 Cabernet Sauvignon (at a very fair price, by the way) has beautiful blackcurrant fruit, blackberry, underlying

earth and spice, medium to full body, a long finish and sweet, moderate tannin. A rather classic example of Napa viticulture and still available at a shockingly realistic price. This beautiful wine is young, but reflects the greatness of 2013, and should promise to improve and evolve for another 15-20 years.
