



T O U R N E S O L

2013 NAPA VALLEY CABERNET SAUVIGNON

WINEMAKER TASTING NOTES

Vibrant, dense garnet color with brilliant purple rim. Delivers a kaleidoscope of aromas- blackberries, dried cherries and fresh plums with hints of tobacco leaf, clove spice and earth. Velvety tannins lead into a broad mid-palate that presents flavors of tart black cherries, cassis, and cacao nibs. The 100% Cabernet Sauvignon expresses intense concentration and an elegant lingering finish.



A peppery and spicy nose with overtones of blackcurrants, cinnamon, dust and vanilla. The full-bodied palate is really vibrant and composed with pinpoint tannins, fresh acidity and a layered finish. Thanks to the tension that runs all the way through, this is so drinkable now. But better in 2020. 94 PTS. - James Suckling

WINEGROWING INFORMATION

The 2013 grape growing season at Tournesol was outstanding. A warm, dry spring brought early bud break, helped with canopy vigor and berry size and created ideal conditions for bloom and fruit set. Temperatures remained moderate throughout spring and summer with uniform growing days, resulting in even ripening and exceptional flavor development. At harvest, the fruit showed great balance of acidity and sugar, beautiful color and developed tannin structure.

WINEMAKING INFORMATION

The Cabernet Sauvignon grapes were hand-harvested in the pre-dawn hours of September 27th under a clear, starry sky. The fruit was immediately taken to the winery, de-stemmed into small, open-top vinification bins with an extended maceration of 36 days. Each bin received punch-down treatments by hand and was monitored daily by winemaker Ken Bernards. Once the wine completed fermentation, it was gently racked into new, thin-staved French oak barrels selected from an array of forests with various toast levels and aged for 22 months.



GRAPE SOURCE: Tournesol Estate Vineyards

VARIETAL: 100% Cabernet Sauvignon

BARREL AGING: 22 months in new French oak

APPELLATION: Coombsville AVA

ALCOHOL: 14.4%

PRODUCTION: 180 cases

HARVEST DATE: September 27, 2013

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