

2013 STAR LANE "STAR"

STAR LANE VINEYARD, HAPPY CANYON OF SANTA BARBARA



ALCOHOL
14.5%

AGED
34 months

OAK
100% New French

HARVESTED
October 2013

BOTTLED
June 2016
360 Bottles

CELLAR LIFE
18-25 years

VINTAGE

As a producer all you can ask from Mother Nature is to avoid extremes and for enough time to get everything accomplished how you want, but more importantly, when you want. 2013 was exactly that. While a warm dry, spring advanced the season placing the ripening times in August and September instead of September and October, we avoided the dramatic heat spells that often accompany such advanced timing. This allowed all grapes to be harvested at a time that was correct for that variety, ranch, and specific block. The vintage is emerging as one with tremendous purity and freshness.

WINEMAKER NOTES

This is a special block of Cabernet, known as the "home block", on our steepest slope that wraps around knoll offering slopes facing north, east and south. While normally we might pick all those slopes separately, we elect to accept the diversity in aspect as a part of the fruit complexity with rugged edges. As a result we felt extra aging would provide more time for the structure of the wine to come together prior to bottling in which ruggedness turn to suppleness.

100% Cabernet Sauvignon

96 Points Vinous

TASTING NOTES

Classic Cabernet Sauvignon characters of cassis, cherries, and hints of blackberries are just meager attempts to articulate the complex and pleasing qualities that emerge. Nuanced with fresh herbs, the wine somehow manages an impressive subtlety even if suggesting power. Restrained power defines the texture. The wine is supple, fresh, and very long. Time ought to reveal even more.

"All the power and intensity of this site comes through in [Star]" Antonio Galloni, Vinous

Star is available only through the estate and to visitors of Star Lane when released from the family cellar.

