

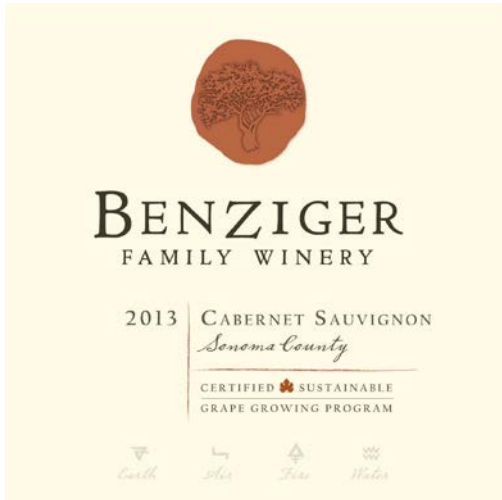
BENZIGER

FAMILY WINERY

2013 CABERNET SAUVIGNON

SONOMA COUNTY

Alcohol 13.5% | Total Acidity .61 | pH 3.83



TASTING NOTES: Our Sonoma County Cabernet Sauvignon has a graceful yet profound entrance. The 2013 vintage has similar flavors to what we saw last season, with an elegant, juicy entry and berry cobbler, cinnamon and vanilla flavors. Mocha and wood spices unite, layer by layer, to form a finish that is rich with seamless tannins.

WINEMAKING: Grape lots were blended from several benchland and mountain ranches that naturally yield smaller crops and result in intensely colored and flavored wine. Vine canopies were carefully managed to protect the grapes from direct sunlight while the fruit was allowed an extended hang time to fully ripen. In the

winery we used a variety of techniques to maximize flavor intensity while managing tannin levels including cold soaking, pump over, and varying fermentation lengths and temperatures. The wine was aged in oak for 16 months. The 2012 vintage is a blend of 80% Cabernet Sauvignon, 5% Petite Sirah, 5% Petit Verdot, 4% Cabernet Franc, and 8% Misc.

VINTAGE: | 2013 was one of the earlier harvests to start and finish in a decade. The normal 6-8 week harvest was done in 5, and in some cases we were picking all different varietals on the same day. Vines started their development quite early this year because of the warm dry spring which created ideal conditions for fruit set. The growing season was idyllic with nearly perfect temperatures for healthy vines and fruit ripening. A few brief rains in September had no impact. The delicate skinned varietals had already been harvested and the slightly cooler weather in October allowed plenty of hang time for the Cabernet Sauvignon to develop favors promoting rich, ripe, and complex wines.

BENZIGER FARMING PRACTICES | At Benziger Family Winery, we are dedicated to winemaking that reveals the true character of the vineyard, the varietal and the vintage in certified-sustainable wines defined by individuality and the passion of the people who make them. This wine was made with grapes grown by certified sustainable farming methods. Our sustainable philosophy promotes natural vineyard management, restoration of the land and biodiversity on the estate. We believe these practices result in wines that reflect the authentic flavors, aromas and character of the vineyard.