BRAVANTE
Napa Valley

2013 Estate Grown Merlot

Varietal Content

100% Estate grown
91% Merlot
9% Cabernet Sauvignon

Winemaking

23 months, French Oak
Bottled, September, 2015
One Polish Filtration
Alcohol, 14.6%
Aging Potential, 7 - 15 yrs
Cases Produced, 270
Winemaker, Duane Dappen

Viticulture

Howell Mountain AVA
Estate grown and bottled
Peter Murphy, Viticulturist

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Suggested Retail, $70

At Bravante Vineyards, we have 2 blocks of Merlot, one at each end of our Stoneridge Vineyard. They both add distinctive facets to our Estate Grown Merlot. At the northern end of the property is Block 1, which is classic "bordeaux-style" Merlot - rich, fruity and complex. At the southern end is Block 5, which is all 'Howell Mountain' - intense, small-berried, minerally and structured. Blended together they produce layers of varietal Merlot flavors, dark and concentrated with a firm, structured backbone.

Our 2013 Merlot has intense aromas of cherry and cassis, blended with sage and hints of cedar and pepper. The luscious body has nice firm tannins and flavors of ripe strawberry and raspberry with hints of mineral and oak, and a long supple berry finish.

Reviews:

Vibrant plums and berries with a succulent core of fleshy, powerful merlot fruit. There's a serious edge to the finish. A blend of 90 per cent merlot and 10 per cent cabernet sauvignon. Drink or hold. **91 Points** - James Suckling - 11/19/18

Moving to the Merlot releases, the 2013 Merlot checks in as 90% Merlot and 10% Cabernet Sauvignon that spent 23 months in barrel. It is a rounded, chewy, concentrated effort that has loads of blackcurrant and chocolate covered black cherry fruits, some earth and underbrush, full body, and a rounded, charming, deliciously textured style. Drink it over the coming decade. **90+ Points** - Jeb Dunnuck - 1/31/2019