

Fitch Mountain Cellars

2013 Knights Valley Merlot

Our 2013 Merlot is a complex wine produced from fruit grown in Knights Valley. The 2013 vintage was another strong vintage. The abundance of sunshine, cool evening and dry harvest season produced a well balanced fruit forward high quality Merlot. Its layers of generous bright fruit aromas and deep, rich ripe mouth filling flavors are hallmarks of this world-renowned growing region.

This wine is the a lush Merlot, it is velvety and rich. It is from our top vineyard sites known for spectacular Merlot. It spent 16 months in small French oak barrels that helps give it structure and an especially elegant and supple finish. Our goal is to highlight the special characters of Merlot while showcasing the distinct benefits and attributes associated with this magnificent vineyard. The taste profile of this wine is especially beautiful. The aromas are beautiful dark red fruit like cherries, dark raspberries and mountain berry fruit. Exceptional structure and depth with velvety tannins with a mid to full bodied lengthy finish. The wine is drinking beautifully now and will for many more years.

Harvested on October 2, 2013 at 25.0. degrees brix, our Merlot fermented ten days at 72F to dryness. We then macerated an additional 10 days to soften and develop the tannins, and to extract additional color. Following pressing, the wine was moved to 60 French Oak barrels and aged for sixteen months. This wine was not filtered, a winemaking process that is remarkably harmful to the richness and generous fruit flavors of fine wine. We hope that you enjoy the bright, unprocessed taste of our wines just as we do at the winery



Appellation

Knights Valley

Alcohol

14.5%

Composition:

100% Knights Valley Merlot