

2013 Buehler Vineyards Estate Cabernet Sauvignon

Situated in the mountains above Conn Valley and near the base of Howell Mountain, the Buehler Estate vineyards are planted primarily to Cabernet Sauvignon. The juxtaposed topography of steeply sloped hillsides with eastern exposures against very gently sloping hills with southern and southwestern exposures hints at the tumultuous geologic past of the Estate; extensive faulting resulted in at least three distinct soil types. Not surprisingly, grapes grown on the different soils give different characteristics to the finished wines; these differences are often as great as the differences between various Bordeaux varieties and allow us to blend within the variety of Cabernet Sauvignon to craft a truly multi-faceted Estate wine.

The 2013 vintage will be fondly remembered for its classic proportions and near perfect ripening season that began with ideal flowering and fruit set and then was coaxed to ripeness by a steady stream of moderate sun drenched days and cool foggy nights. Like 2012, the late light rains of the 2013 harvest season posed no threat to our crop since it was safely tucked away in the winery once they arrived.

After the completion of the primary fermentation, the wine was immediately delivered to barrels to initiate the secondary malolactic fermentation. The wine was aged 18 months in barrels: 35% of which were new French oak, and 5% of which were new American oak barrels.

The aromas hint at black fruit: ripe black cherries and black plums. Enticing barrel qualities of cola and spice complement the fruit aromas. On the palate, the wine shows layers of deeply extracted flavors that only mature hillside vineyards can render. Our Estate Cabernet is the most age-worthy wine we produce and may be enjoyed anytime over the next 15 years. For those who seek youthful fresh cabernet fruit aromas and a more structured wine, drink it from 2015 through 2019. If you prefer the less fruity, more developed bottle bouquet aromas and a softer, more velvety wine on the palate, drink it from 2020–2030.

David Cronin
Winemaker

Appellation/Designation	Napa Valley/Estate Bottled
Varietal Composition	100% Cabernet Sauvignon
Brix at Harvest	26.2
TA	0.60 g/100 ml
pH	3.60
Alcohol	14.7% vol
Production	2600 cases + 42 etched 3 liters + 13 etched 6 liters
Suggested Retail	\$36.00

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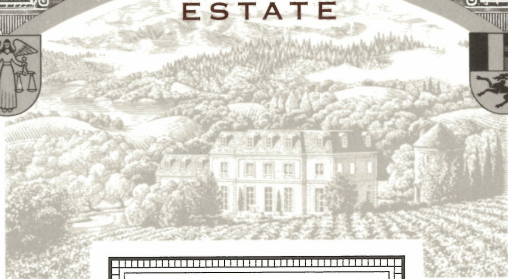
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Tasting Notes	Score	Author	Drinking Window	Release Price	Review Date
The 2013 Cabernet Sauvignon Estate wraps around the palate with gorgeous depth. Black cherry jam, plum, hard candy, wild flowers, cloves and new leather are nicely delineated in the glass. The 2013 is not particularly complex, but it is tasty, and should drink well for another decade or so.	91	Antonio Galloni	2017 - 2025	\$36.00	Oct 2015