



## VENGE 2013 BONE ASH VINEYARD CABERNET SAUVIGNON, NAPA VALLEY

The 2013 vintage is another spectacular effort. This is true Cabernet expression! Black and blue berries, jelly jar and jammy notes fill the senses, with aromatics that reside in the blue fruit spectrum. As this wine opens up, the background notes of French Oak vanillin and earth come forward. The palate is concentrated, polished, and full-bodied. Black currant, blackberry and black cherry are all intertwined with an acid and tannin balance that is promising. This wine will drink its best from 2017 through 2031.

### IN THE VINEYARD

Our Calistoga Estate “Bone Ash Vineyard” is our second of three estate vineyards we own and farm in Napa Valley. Much like our Oakville Estate and our Calistoga Estate Signal Fire Vineyard, the vines are dry-farmed, or nearly so, with vine age averaging 25+ years. The cane pruned vines are comprised of Cabernet Clones #7 and #8. The vineyard’s root system is established very deep, allowing the use of minimal irrigation. That struggle makes for wines with excellent flavor, body and overall complexity. We employ a minimalist approach on our Calistoga Estate, with near organic processes in the farming of the property.

### IN THE CELLAR

The fruit was hand-sorted and destemmed into a combination of concrete and stainless steel fermenters. Time on skins lasted a lengthy 39 days. The fruit was then lightly pressed, keeping “free run” and “press” fractions separate and aged in 85% new, tight grained French Oak barrels for a total of 22 months. While we do add yeast to finish primary fermentation, we allow the indigenous malolactic bacteria to complete the secondary fermentation. Bottled unfiltered.

420 Cases Produced



100% Estate Produced and Bottled Cabernet Sauvignon

“The 2013 Cabernet Sauvignon Bone Ash Vineyard should be as good as the 2012. It reveals sweet blackberry and blueberry fruit, a creamy, opulent, voluptuous texture, and incredible richness and length. It should drink well for 20-25 years.”

Tasted As Finished Barrel Sample

96-98 POINTS

Robert M. Parker, Jr.  
*Wine Advocate*