

2013

HILLSIDE CUVÉE

red wine

VARIETY: 59% syrah, 17% grenache, 10% petite sirah,
8% carignan, 4% petit verdot, 2% zinfandel

APPELLATION: Sonoma County

DEGREES BRIX AT HARVEST: 25.1

pH: 3.74

ALCOHOL: 14.9%

CELLAR RECOMMENDATION: Enjoy this wine through 2021

VINIFICATION NOTES: The Cuvée blend is comprised of several key varietals, which were picked between September 3rd and October 9th, beginning with the grenache and ending with the syrah.

The grenache was fermented in open-top tanks with twice-daily punchdowns to allow for gentle integration of the skin cap, while the rest of the fruit was fermented for 14 days in closed-top tanks and twice-daily pumpovers. The wine was aged in a combination of American and French oak, 20% new, for 17 months.

SENSORY NOTES: Dark and luxurious notes of cocoa and dried fruit intermingle with toffee and blackberries. Vanilla and cedar lead into juicy, chewy tannins and a long, structured finish.

VINEYARD NOTES: The Hillside Cuvée is a blend from our two estate properties: Big River Ranch, with its deep red soils and hot summer days befitting for syrah, and Lily Hill Estate, whose steep hillside allows for substantial drainage and beneficial stressing of the vines. Together, these vineyards exhibit the climate and terroir needed to produce exceptional zinfandel and Rhone varietals.

VINEYARD DETAILS:

CLONE: Heritage

SOIL TYPE: Clay, heavy loam, sandy loam

ELEVATION: 300-800 feet

VINE SPACING: 8' x 8', 6' x 8'

YIELD PER ACRE: 2 tons

ROOTSTOCK: St. George

YEAR PLANTED: 1906-1965

TRELLISING STYLE: Head-trained

IRRIGATION: Minimal drip

RETAIL PRICE: \$30. Strictly limited production.

Bella

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