



# TRUCHARD VINEYARDS

## 2013 CABERNET SAUVIGNON

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**Vintage:** The 2013 vintage is even better than the near-perfect 2012 harvest! A warm and dry spring resulted in excellent berry set and a larger crop. Moderate temperatures throughout the growing season easily brought the fruit to full maturity. The wines of 2013 have great intensity and acidity; with beautiful aromas and flavors.

**Vineyard:** The Truchard Estate Vineyard is located in the Carneros region of the Napa Valley. It is 400 acres of hills and valleys which contain a variety of soils: clay, shale, sandstone, limestone, volcanic ash and rock. The combination of terrain, geology, and marine-moderated temperatures, provides ideal conditions for wine-growing. Cabernet Sauvignon is planted in several different sites - on steep, southwestern facing hillsides. The vines range from 17 - 39 years old, and produce wines that are deep in color, dominated by lush flavors of plum, berry, and spice. Cabernet Franc, Petit Verdot, and Malbec are blended in to provide additional softness, structure, and complexity.

**Harvest:** Oct. 9 – 17 • 24.7 °Brix • 3.51 pH • 6.5 g/L TA

**Winemaking:** All of the fruit was gently destemmed and crushed, then inoculated with Pasteur Red yeast. Fermentations were pumped-over twice daily, with the temperature peaking at 88° F. Maceration time varied from 14 to 30 days depending on vineyard block. The wine was aged for 20 months in French oak barrels (45% new). Rackings occurred every 4 months until bottling in August of 2015. The final blend is 88% Cabernet Sauvignon, 10% Cabernet Franc, 1% Petit Verdot, and 1% Malbec. This wine is drinkable now, but will gracefully age for the next 12 - 17 years.

**Wine Analysis:** 14.2% alcohol • 3.59 pH • 6.0 g/l TA

**Tasting Notes:** Rich aromas of plum, cherry, and cassis; highlighted with cedar and vanilla. The mouth is layered with jammy flavors of raspberry, red currants, and black cherry. Ripe tannins focus the palate and provide a lengthy finish of spice and red fruit.

**Release Date:** May 1, 2016

**Cases Produced:** 5533 cases

