

2013 Diamond Selection

CABERNET SAUVIGNON

Cabernet Sauvignon was the first wine produced by Rombauer Vineyards when the winery was founded in 1980. Diamond Selection, first produced with the 1994 vintage, represents the best lots harvested each growing season.

VINEYARDS

This reserve bottling comes from estate vineyards and top grower vineyards in Stags Leap, Calistoga, Atlas Peak, St. Helena and Rutherford AVAs.

WINEGROWING

The 2013 vintage brought a perfect growing season with warm, dry conditions that allowed the fruit to develop full, concentrated flavors. Sustainable farming practices throughout the growing season were tailored to each block with the assistance of aerial photos produced using NDVI (Normalized Difference Vegetation Index) technology. All fruit was hand-picked and sorted in the vineyards.

WINEMAKING

The grapes were carefully destemmed and optically sorted to ensure only perfect fruit made it into the wine. The wine was primarily barrel-fermented to provide a

richer, more textured palate. The wine was gently basket-pressed before being racked to French oak barrels for malolactic fermentation and aging. The finest lots were carefully chosen and blended to produce the Diamond Selection.

TASTING NOTES

This elegantly balanced wine is deep purple with dark hues. Aromas of black fruits, plums and pomegranate combine seamlessly with notes of licorice, dried violets, blackberry cobbler and vanilla. The palate is ripe and soft, with black cherry, dried cranberries, blueberries, lush tannins and dark chocolate. The finish is long and smooth.

FOOD PAIRINGS

Our favorite *Joy of Cooking*® pairings* for this wine include Standing Prime Rib (Pgs. 471-472) with Creamed Spinach (Pg. 305) and Grilled Marinated Lamb Chops with *Risi e Bisi*.



RELEASE DATE	October 2016	AVERAGE BRIX AT HARVEST	26.2
APPELLATION	Napa Valley	COOPERAGE	17 months in 90% new French oak
VARIETAL COMPOSITION	94% Cabernet Sauvignon 6% Petit Verdot	ALCOHOL	14.8%
HARVESTED	Sept. 27–Oct. 8, 2013		

*Recipes for pairings with a noted page number can be found in the 75th edition of the *Joy of Cooking*. Recipes not appearing in the book can be found at www.JoyofCooking.com.



The Joy of Wine

THE ROMBAUER FAMILY *Inspired by the wine movement of the 1970s in Napa Valley, Koerner and Joan Rombauer entered the wine business in 1976, then launched Rombauer Vineyards in 1980. As stewards of the land, the Rombauers have strived to produce the best wine an appellation, terroir and climate will achieve. The second and third generations are dedicated to continuing Koerner and Joan's vision.*

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