



VINTAGE 2013 VARIETAL MERLOT



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Pure California Coastal Expression

WINEMAKING PHILOSOPHY

For over three decades, Kendall-Jackson has remained relentlessly committed to producing only the finest quality wines from grapes grown in California's cool coastal vineyards. We carefully match climates and soil types for each grape varietal, and then craft each vineyard lot throughout the entire winemaking process. Our proprietary approach to winemaking has earned us our world-renowned reputation for red wines that consistently exhibit intense layers of flavor with complexity and balance.

TASTING NOTES

"Intricate layers of black cherry, plum, currant, and wild berry mingle with a hint of spice. The soft, delicate, elegant tannins of this Bordeaux varietal carry these aromas and flavors to a long, silky and lingering finish."

—Randy Ullom, Winemaster



KEY POINTS

- Primarily Merlot with a touch of Cabernet Sauvignon and a splash of Cabernet Franc, Malbec and Petit Verdot.
- Sonoma County mountain and hillside vineyards provide plum and black cherry flavors, and great tannins.
- Aged about one year in French (62%) and American (37%) oak for a wine that is strong and round, roughly 14% of which is new.
- Artisan winemaking techniques such as pre-fermentation, cold soaking on the skins, saignée method and gentle pumpovers were used to enhance and simultaneously soften the tannins, deepen the color, and intensify the flavors.

STATISTICAL INFORMATION

Appellation: Sonoma County

Growing Regions:

88% Sonoma County
9% Mendocino County
3% Napa County

Composition:

93% Merlot
4% Cabernet Sauvignon
1.5% Cabernet Franc
1% Malbec
0.5% Petit Verdot

Alcohol: 14.5%

T.A.: 0.57/100ml

pH: 3.62

