

PAUL HOBBS

2013 SYRAH KICK RANCH VINEYARD SONOMA COUNTY

VINEYARD

- Owners: Richard & Katherine Keenan
- Clonal Selection: Hermitage, 470
- Rootstock: 101-14
- Plant Date: 2000
- Soils: Gravelly clay loam, exposed red volcanic soil on hillside
- Exposure: Southern
- Trellis: Bilateral cordon
- Yield: 4.0 tons/acre

GROWING SEASON

- Summary: 2013 was a phenomenal growing season in just about every way. A warm, dry spring led to early bud break, limited canopy vigor and berry size, and created ideal conditions through bloom and fruit set. An abundance of long sunny days, with only one heat spike in early July, resulted in even ripening and an early harvest with exceptional flavor development. The 2013 vintage offers very high quality wines that are striking in their balance and expression.
- Harvest Date: October 4th
- Harvest Brix: 25.9°

WINEMAKING

- Hand harvested at night
- Hand sorted, cold; no whole cluster inclusion
- 6 day cold soak, 24 days total maceration
- Fermented with indigenous yeasts in small, open-top, stainless steel tanks
- Spontaneous malolactic fermentation in barrel
- Aged 15 months in French oak barrels, 48% new
- Coopers: Francois Frères, Cadus
- Unfined and unfiltered; bottled January 2015

NOTES

- This deep purple colored wine is all about rich, ripe elegance offering alluring aromas and flavors of wild blueberries, black plum, cloves, black pepper, and classic syrah meatiness. The mouthfeel is round and seamless through the persistent finish. Alcohol 14.7%