

TURNBULL

2013

BLACK LABEL
CABERNET SAUVIGNON



“THIS IS OUR ‘HEART OF DARKNESS’ WINE - AT RELEASE, SHOWCASING A POWERFUL DENSITY OF FRUIT, AND LATER REVEALING THE BONES AND STRUCTURE TO AGE ELEGANTLY AND GRACEFULLY. IT IS OUR FLAGSHIP WINE, OUR ‘BEST OF THE BEST’ BARREL OFFERING.” - WINEMAKER PETER HEITZ

OUR STORY

Turnbull has been making wine of exceptional quality since 1979 in Oakville, with estate-grown fruit carefully tended to from the ground up through to the winery. Turnbull wines are crafted with integrity and without compromise. Our signature is a balanced wine of structure and depth, with an intensity of fruit and polished, elegant texture.

THE PROCESS

It starts with a selection of fruit from the field, harvested from two of our estate vineyards that sit on the Eastern Bench of Oakville. The red volcanic soils and slope aspect to the sun of these vineyards lend fruit with full phenolic ripeness and high acidity thanks to the high iron content of the soil. This combination delivers fruit characteristics of massive power and darkness, while maintaining structure, texture and freshness. In the cellar, we vinify each block separately, and then barrel down the wine in a hand selected array of artisan barrels. We age the wine for 20 months in 100% fine grained French oak barrels. Final barrel selections are made to showcase and highlight the “best of the best” from our individual lot selections.

VINTAGE NOTES

In 2013 we experienced pretty ideal growing conditions for our four estate vineyards. It was a vintage that allowed us the opportunity to make the right decisions for harvesting at the right times, for peak maturity and flavor development. The Eastern edge, Westward exposure of our Oakville properties gave us fruit with an optimal combination of purity and ripeness for very juicy fruit backed with delicate, fine-textured tannins. It's one of those rare years where the wines express both width (by that, we mean power) and focus; both purity and depth.

THE RESULTS

A wine with dense flavor and brooding power, led by pure red, black and blue fruits, with firm, super fine grained tannins and spicebox, tobacco, and dark chocolate tones.

APPELLATION

Oakville, Napa Valley

ALCOHOL

14.7% by volume

VARIETAL BREAKDOWN

86% Cabernet Sauvignon

9% Petit Verdot

2% Merlot

2% Cabernet Franc

1% Malbec

VINEYARD SOURCING

95% Leopoldina Vineyard

5% Fortuna Vineyard

99 POINTS - WINE ADVOCATE, ROBERT PARKER

“... flirts with perfection. The wine is light on its feet for such massive extraction. With not a hard edge to be found, this is truly brilliant winemaking from a great terroir.”