



Webster Cellars

2013 Arrière

Red Wine
Napa Valley

Vintage	An ideal growing season; grapes were “on time”, the weather was even and produced terrific fruit. Spring was warm with early bud break, canopy vigor and perfect berry size. Only one heat spike in late June/July. We had ample opportunity to plan our pick.
Harvest Notes	We picked mid-morning while temperature was still cool. The grapes made it to the winery in great shape. No surprises only great grapes to make wonderful wines. These grapes are from Coombsville and Stags Leap vineyards. Can’t tell you where without being killed, but I have friends in high places.
Winemaking	Minimal intervention with addition of Red Star yeast at crush. All varietals cellared separately in 20% new French oak, 80% neutral French Oak. Wines are racked after 6 months and again 60 days prior to bottling. Tasted monthly. Wines are blended 2 weeks prior to bottling.
Cooperage	20% new French barrels, 80% neutral French barrels
Aging	Cellared for 18 months
Cases	1000 cases produced
Blend	60% Napa Merlot, 40% Napa Syrah
Alcohol	14.2%
TA	6.2g/L
RS	0.6 g/L
pH	3.64
Tasting Notes	Racy and forward. This wine is made to be consumed now. It is an exciting wine, spicy subtle, and lean. Spicy with pepper, licorice and clove. Subtle showing notes of cassis, tobacco, mild cherries, blackberry and just a hint of cacao. The entry is subtle, the mid-palate satisfying and the finish is elegant.