

# JOSEPH PHELPS

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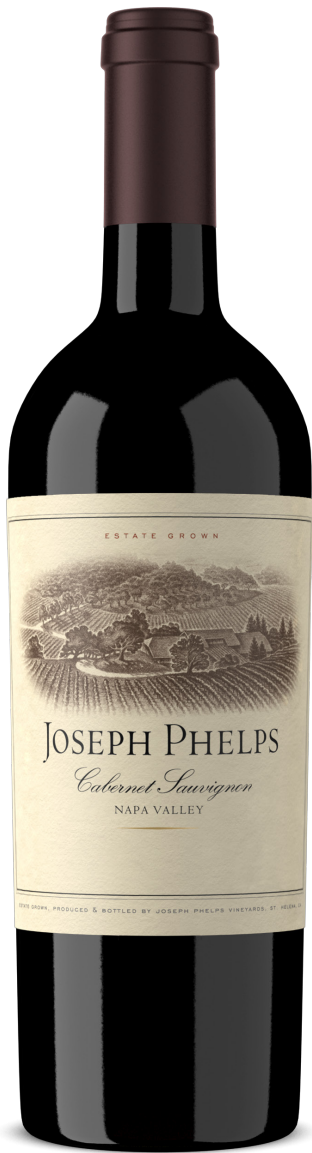
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## Cabernet Sauvignon

NAPA VALLEY

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### 2013 Vintage



**TASTING NOTES** The 2013 Cabernet Sauvignon showcases classic Cabernet aromas of blackberry and blueberry with hints of baking spices and tobacco followed by layers of dark berries, graphite and cocoa powder on the palate. Full-bodied and dense with beautifully integrated oak and sweet tannins throughout the lingering finish.

**GROWING SEASON** The 2013 growing season proved to be an excellent year in Napa Valley. It was slightly warmer than 2012, resulting in an overall earlier growing season. Lower than normal rainfall paired with moderate spring weather brought with it early bud break and bloom. Sunny skies throughout the summer months led to early veraison and harvest. Warm daytime temperatures followed by cool nights prior to harvest produced evenly ripened fruit with ideal hang time. There is great purity of fruit in the 2013 wines, good structure and overall, an excellent winegrower's vintage.

#### WINEMAKING NOTES

##### VARIETAL BREAKDOWN VINEYARD SELECTIONS

87% Cabernet Sauvignon	42% Suscol — Napa Valley AVA
5% Merlot	36% Home Ranch — St. Helena AVA
3% Petit Verdot	13% Yountville — Oak Knoll AVA
3% Malbec	5% Banca Dorada — Rutherford AVA
2% Cabernet Franc	5% Barboza & Las Rocas — Stags Leap AVA

##### BARREL AGING

The wine was aged for eighteen months in 45% new oak (55% French, 42% American) and 55% used French and American oak barrels before bottling.