

Vintage 2013

Varietal 65% Cabernet Sauvignon,

24% Syrah, 8% Malbec,

3% Petit Verdot

Appellation Napa Valley

Oak 50% new French oak

Aging 20 months

Alcohol 14.5%



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EL LLANO

A playful experiment after an abundant harvest in 2002 gave birth to this unique blend of "step-brother" grapes. The name pays homage to Rolando's birthplace of El Llano, Michoacán, Mexico.

STARTING IN THE

VINEYARD

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 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.

TO THE

CELLAR

The key to this blend is allowing the grapes to become harmonious. Twenty months of aging is the perfect amount of time to create an approachable, fresh, and fruit-forward wine.

IN YOUR

GLASS

Our 2013 El Llano exhibits a bouquet of dark cherry, violet, rich leather, and toasted vanilla which leads into a surprisingly silky mouthfeel. Additional flavors of fig, plum, and cinnamon convey richness. The velvety palate with well-rounded tannins carries through an elegant and long finish.

ON YOUR

TABLE

This is the kind of wine that makes you want to snuggle up next to a fire for a romantic dinner of juicy steak, cheesy gnocchi, and a chocolate tart for dessert.