



EFESTÈ

2013 BIG PAPA
Columbia Valley AVA

Traditionally coming from all old block Cabernet Sauvignon sites (averaging 30 years), the 2013 is unique in that it has a portion of our own Angela's vineyard at 6 years old. I couldn't let it be tucked away as it was too good and thus felt obliged to include it in our flagship wine provided it worked in the blend. It did! In addition, this Big Papa has 2% Petit Verdot from our estate, which helped provide brightness, color, and complexity. After being hand sorted twice to ensure quality, it was lightly crushed into small open top fermenters. Fermentation was conducted spontaneously as was the secondary, malolactic fermentation once pressed to barrels. The extraction phase lasted 16-18 days before pressing. The wine aged for 20 months before being bottled unfiltered and unfiltered.

—Peter Devison, Winemaker

THE WINE

- Varieties: 98% Cabernet Sauvignon, 2% Petit Verdot
- Hand sorted
- Native yeast
- 100% French Oak barrels, 75% new
- 10 months sur lie aging
- Bottled late May 2015
- 1,020 cases produced
- SRP: \$60

THE VINEYARDS

- 58% Klipsun Vineyard
- 19% Bacchus Vineyard
- 16% Angela's Vineyard (EFESTÈ Estate)
- 7% Red Willow Vineyard

ANALYSIS

- Alc. 14.90%
- pH 3.93
- TA 5.60g/L
- RS dry
- VA 0.63g/L

TASTING NOTES

Intensely dark, deep, and saturated purple the wine is shy at first, but with a moment opens nicely to reveal classic Cabernet Sauvignon aromas of cassis/black currant, toasted vanilla, scorched earth, and briquettes. This is met by hints of purple flowers and clove. Broad shouldered with an impressive tension, the tannins are ultra-ripe and seductive, and the acidity is lively and extremely pleasant. Standout flavors of black currant paste, black cherry reduction, grilled bread, and dark chocolate are immediately appealing. The finish, although youthfully restrained, possesses super concentrated and ripe tannins with a hint of gingerbread spice that lingers.

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