



# Graton Cellars 2013 California CABERNET SAUVIGNON

## Technical Information

**Appellation:** California

**Varietal Composition:** 94% Cabernet Sauvignon, 6% Merlot

**Total Acid:** .55 g/100ml

**pH:** 3.66

**Alcohol:** 13.8%

## WINE NOTES

### Vintage:

Reports about fruit quality in 2013 from winegrowers and winemakers were positive, despite a few rainstorms. Several growing regions reported that the rainstorms were accompanied by high winds that helped dry out the fruit. This year's Cabernet's crop came in average to above average size with excellent flavor profiles that are lush and balanced. Grapes showed beautiful color and aromas providing richness and finesse throughout the palate.

### Winemaking:

Grapes for this wine were handled gently to minimize bitterness and fermented warm to maximize color and flavor extraction. The wine was aged for up to one year in new and used American and French oak. The firm structure of the Cabernet was tempered with Merlot, which provides soft, ripe fruit flavors.

**Winery Notes:** Our Cabernet is a dark crimson color, with ripe berry and plum aromas, accented by toasty oak and vanilla. The wine's crispness is balanced by rich, round flavors on the finish.

**Food Pairing:** Marinated flank steak grilled with garlic and onions, beef kabobs or wood-fire pizza with wild mushrooms and herbs.