



ROBERT MONDAVI  
WINERY

NAPA VALLEY

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The extraordinary quality of this wine originates in Napa Valley's generous *terroir*. When I taste this, I'm reminded why Cabernet Sauvignon is the varietal on which Robert Mondavi built his reputation.

Genevieve Janssens - Director of Winemaking

• W I N E •

*Varietal composition:*

83% Cabernet Sauvignon  
12% Merlot  
4% Cabernet Franc  
1% Syrah

*Flavor descriptors:*

A classic expression of Napa Valley Cabernet at its best: Remarkably rich and concentrated. Tantalizing entry - almost sweet with blackberry essence, it evolves into a plush, mouth filling compote of black fruit, beautifully integrated with woody and mineral notes, mocha, tobacco and clove. For all its volume the delivery is surprisingly fresh and supple, with a long, mocha-infused finish.

*Wine analysis:*

Total acid: 6.7 g/L  
Final pH: 3.56  
Residual sugar: .77 g/L  
Alcohol: 14.5% by volume

• V I N T A G E •

This notably cool vintage kept the vineyard crew busy thinning shoots and leaves to increase sun exposure and encourage ripening. It also had the beneficial effect of extending "hangtime," literally giving the clusters additional time for flavor development. September brought excellent harvest conditions, with an extra surge of heat at the end of the month, and our Cabernet harvest started with a bang on September 29<sup>th</sup>. The rush to harvest worked to our advantage, getting almost the entire crop in before a late-October rainstorm. The most common themes for the vintage were low yields of small, flavorful berries and excellent flavor maturity at favorable, relatively-low sugar levels.

• V I N E Y A R D S •

Cabernet is king in Napa Valley and we selected the fruit for this wine from the valley's most renowned AVAs (sub-regions) including Stag's Leap and Oakville, with over 30% coming from the famed To Kalon vineyard. These classic sites are ones we can count on to deliver the deep, richly fruity Cabernet that made Napa Valley famous.

*Appellation: Napa Valley*

*Grape Sourcing: 100% Napa Valley (32% To Kalon Vineyard)*

• W I N E M A K I N G •

The grapes were hand harvested in the cool of the morning and gently de-stemmed into stainless steel tanks (purity of fruit expression) and oak tanks (added complexity and depth of flavor) for a warm fermentation. Over four weeks of skin-contact time maximized the extraction of color and flavor and polished the tannins for a rich, supple mouthfeel. The new wine was transferred to sixty-gallon French oak barrels (15% new) for malolactic fermentation, seamlessly integrating fruit and oak flavors. The wine was blended with complementary varieties though repeated tasting trials over 18 months barrel aging and bottled in July of 2012.