

THE CLEAVER

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2013 California

Winemaker Notes:

Deeply hued and packed with aromas of black cherry, tobacco, and a hint of orange oil, the 2013 The Cleaver is a powerful wine. Dense flavors of blackberry and tobacco leaves dipped in cherry sauce are perfectly integrated in this silky, juicy, and incredibly smooth drinking experience. Vibrant and mouthwatering, the dark fruit flavors linger in the wine's lengthy finish.



Vintage Notes:

Overall, vintage 2013 was a grand slam and one of the best in the past decade. Temperatures were never too extreme with typical warm to hot days and nights that dipped to the low 40's. This contributed to optimal acid development and fully ripened grapes. Veraison came a bit earlier than usual ensuring the grapes the perfect amount of hangtime to develop full flavor and proper tannins. The anticipation for vintage 2013 is a remarkable year.

Technical Data:

Blend Composition:	70% Zinfandel 20% Syrah 10% Petite Sirah
pH:	3.68
TA:	5.9 g/L
RS:	.16 g/L
Alcohol:	15.8%
Barrel Treatment:	Aged 16 months in 30% new French oak, 70% neutral oak

