



HOOPES

2013 DANTE'S BLOCK CABERNET SAUVIGNON OAKVILLE, NAPA VALLEY, CALIFORNIA

"With the fabulous 2013 vintage, we couldn't help but to make a wine in honor of our beloved Dante. Anne and Jennifer both grew up as winemakers in Oakville, despite some detours along the way, and have a special connection with the distinctiveness of our old vine vineyard in the Oakville area. Dante's was my father's favorite vineyard dog, and was well known for protecting the vineyard and bringing out the best in all of us while farming. When a vintage warrants a special reserve due to exceptional quality, we look to Dante for inspiration to make the best possible Cabernet Sauvignon that we can."

This year Dante's Block is a rare showcase of the best rows of our vineyard. Because of our new approach to small-batch fermentation - which occurs in fourteen distinct lots within our old-vine vineyard - we can determine which areas of the vineyard are performing exceptionally well in any given year. We have diverse soil series in this area, which results in significant variation in phenolic ripeness. Small batch picking and fermentation allows us to isolate the very best grape clusters within the vineyard with magnificent particularity. We hand sorted the best lots to create this special Cabernet Sauvignon just for our most loyal customers. You will never see this wine released to the public."

*- Second Generation Proprietor
Lindsay Hoopes*

TECHNICAL DATA

Appellation: Oakville, Napa Valley
Composition: 97.5% Cabernet Sauvignon
1.5% Merlot, 1% Petite Sirah
Aspect: NW X SE
Soils: Clay Loam

Slope: Elevation 150 Feet
Rootstock: St. George
Clone: Bordeaux Wenté Clone
Barrels: 100% French, 85% New
Barrel Aging: 20 Months

Alcohol: 15.2%
PH: 3.89
TA: 6.21g/L
Date Bottled: July 14, 2015
Number of Cases: 109

TASTING NOTES

"Deep and brooding. Black cherry, sappy lavender, summer straw and fennel yield to creamy biscuit, warm milk chocolate, light almond and sage. A rich and lush mouth-feel of sweet tannins and blackberry move from a soft entry to a pleasantly firm mid palate retention. Nicely layered mouth with a beautiful, satisfying finish."

*- Winemakers
Anne Vauter & Jennifer Rue*



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