

PRIDE MOUNTAIN VINEYARDS

2013 RESERVE CLARET

Like the 2013 Reserve Cabernet, this year's Reserve Claret has a massive structure that guarantees it to be nearly immortal. The fruit is dense and ripe, with aromas of plum, baking chocolate, cedar, graphite and subtle floral notes. On the palate, the wine coats every surface of the mouth with its unctuous fruit, then gets comfortable and settles in for the long haul. Our Claret is our vision of the best of Pride's estate, a blend of 62% merlot, 37% cabernet sauvignon and 1% petit verdot that is truly greater than the sum of its parts. It is a beautiful illustration of merlot at its best - supple, round and rich with gorgeous fruit, but with the big size that merlot rarely achieves outside of a mountaintop setting. The hefty dose of cabernet adds nuanced varietal character and even more size to this blend, contributing to its complexity and ageability, while the petit verdot brings acidity and subtle aromas of violet and freshly grated nutmeg. --- Winemaker Sally Johnson



PROFILE

Appellation:	86% Sonoma 14% Napa
Vintage:	2013
Harvest:	November 2013
Fermentation:	Stainless Steel
Cooperage:	French Oak
Blend:	62% Merlot 37% Cabernet Sauvignon 1% Petit Verdot
Alcohol:	14.8%
Bottling:	December 2015
Production:	450 cases
Release Date:	March 2016
Retail Price:	\$140.00