



2013 Viluko Vineyards Mayacamas Mts Split Rock Cabernet Sauvignon

Split Rock is a selection from vines that conform to the undulating hillsides beneath their rows. Roots struggle less here, soils are deeper, more fertile. Berries grow plumper and rounder creating a wine that is approachable in its youth. We expect the Split Rock to be expressive of bright fruit and softer tannins. And while this is true for this year's Split Rock, it is also more expansive, broader, richer!

Stellar aptly describes the 2013 vintage because the weather was ideal. We had the luxury to pick each block at its peak when flavors were at their fullest and phenolics were perfectly ripe. 'Yum' is the operative word when describing each sip.

VINEYARD

Varietal Composition: 98% Cabernet Sauvignon 2% Malbec
Clonal Selection: Cabernet clones 7, 8, 337; Malbec clone 595
Harvest Date: Started October 10, 2013 and completed
October 22, 2013

FINISHED WINE

Titrateable Acidity: 6.1 g/L
pH: 3.76
Alcohol: 14.9%
Barrel Program: 18 months in 10% new French oak,
90% second use French oak barrels
Bottling Date: June 22, 2015
Release Date: January 2017
Cases Produced: 605

Notes from Winemaker Timothy Milos:

VINIFICATION

Our 2013 Split Rock Cabernet Sauvignon was made from a selection of six and seven year old vines yielding less than two tons per acre. The fruit was hand harvested on two days in October, and was selected from five vineyard blocks. After hand sorting clusters at the winery, the fruit was destemmed and allowed to soak on the skins for several days, cold, prior to a wild fermentation. The fermentation was pumped over twice daily, and allowed to macerate on the skins for an average of 37 days from crush to press. The wine was pressed into one year old French oak barrels where it underwent malolactic fermentation. Aged for a total of 18 months before it was bottled unfinned and unfiltered.

IN THE GLASS

The bouquet invites with scents of fresh currants, ginger snap and sweet pipe tobacco. The wine is lively on the palate, with fresh flavors of currants and cherry, followed by black tea and minerals. The wine finishes as it begins, with fresh fruit and velvety tannin, sweet cocoa and baking spices. Decant this wine to enjoy it in its youth, but patience will be amply rewarded after five or more years in the cellar.



The 2013 Cabernet Sauvignon Split Rock, which also comes from the Sonoma side of the Mayacamas Mountains, has a dense ruby/purple color, loads of mineral-laced blackcurrant and plum-like fruit, medium to full body, sweet tannin, and a lush, heady finish. This is impressive and capable of drinking well for the next 10-15 years.