



## 2013 Éloge

**Nose:** Pine, mint, smoke and licorice wrap around the intense, blue/blackish fruit.

**The Palate:** The 2013 Éloge is quite a bit darker, fleshier and more explosive than the 2012, but is also holding back quite a bit in reserve. Blackberry jam, savory herbs and licorice are some of the notes that inform the powerful finish, where beams of acidity add brightness.

**2013 Vintage:** 2013 was nearly an ideal season, with moderate temperatures and no rain or heat extremes. The growing season started early and remained about two weeks ahead of most previous years all summer. Water for irrigation was scarce after a dry spring, but that triggered few problems and two small rainstorms in September caused few headaches.

**Harvest:** October 19th to November 8th, 2013

**TA/pH:** 6.3/3.83

**Aged:** 22 months in French Oak

**Bottled:** September 2015

**Released:** September 2016

**Alcohol:** 14.9%

**Varietal:** 64% Cabernet Sauvignon, 22% Cabernet Franc, 11% Merlot, and 3% Petit Verdot

**Appellation:** Napa Valley

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