

2013 MERLOT MT. VEEDER

The 2013 growing season in Napa Valley was just what we hoped it would be. Plenty of long warm/hot days (not too hot) and lots of cool, foggy nights. Essentially, 2013 was a perfect season at Rubissow, as it was for many producers in the Napa Valley.

What that translates to in bottle is rich, expressive fruit, stunning complexity and abundant aromatics. Year in year out, the Rubissow house style is focused on producing balanced, elegant wines handcrafted to express the best qualities of the vintage.

The 2013 Merlot is delightful. It carries full bodied cherry, plum and cassis notes with overtones of raspberry/blackberry and baking spices. For a Merlot it is remarkably structured and shows an elegant, long lingering finish. Aromatics are fresh with captivating scents of cassis cedar, mint, cherries, cocoa and earth....

Merlot can often be made in a super-ripe style that obscures the varietal complexity and rich subtleties of this splendid varietal. But at Rubissow, our mountainside Merlot vineyards produce exceptionally complex and distinctive Merlot, displaying qualities more in common with small-batch Cabernet Sauvignon than with the lush Merlot we often expect in California.



Honoring our deep roots in traditional Bordeaux-style winemaking, we typically blend in a small amount of complementary varietals from our estate to add grace and power to the wine. In this case however, our straight up Merlot was so lovely, winemaker Timothy Milos made a rare 100% Merlot bottling. with it The results speak for themselves! Cheers friends.

RUBISSOW - 2013 MERLOT THE FACTS

Rubissow Vineyard - Mt.Veeder - Napa Valley

100 % Merlot,

Unfined and unfiltered • 22 months in barrel.

109 cases made - 12/750
RELEASE DATE - Autumn 2016

ALC. 14.3% • TA 4.9 g/L • pH 3..52
Brix 25..2 • Maceration 30 days

WINERY FACTS

VINTNERS

Second generation

- Peter Rubissow
- Ariel Rubissow-Okamoto



WINEMAKER:

Timothy Milos



ANNUAL PRODUCTION:

- Estate Wines: 1500 cases.
- Lola Kay Wines: 4000 and growing

VINEYARD SOURCE:

Rubissow Vineyards
100% Mount Veeder
45 acre steep hillside estate.
18.5 acres planted.

WINEMAKING STYLE:

Modern, bold, racy, rich and exceptionally complex.

BARRELS:

100% Premium French Chateau New Oak. St. Martin Bel Air, Boutes, Sylvain artisan atelier cooperage. 35% new.

