



2013 Latigo

A FORTIFIED WINE PRODUCED IN THE PORT STYLE

Blend: 100% Cabernet Sauvignon fortified with Alembic oak-aged brandy

Vineyard Notes: Grown on our mountain estate vineyard at elevations up to 2,200 feet. The vineyard is CCOF Organic and Demeter Biodynamic certified. On the ranch we pursue a true biodynamic “closed system,” where Biodynamic preparations are sourced primarily from our property. A picturesque aspect of this is our Scottish Highland cattle, which play an important role.

The 2013 vintage started and finished warm and dry. Fortunately, with numerous on-site springs and three small lakes on our property, we are not adversely impacted by drought. Our spring waters allow us to drip irrigate just when needed to maintain quality as well as the health of our vines. Bud break was slightly earlier than normal giving us log hang time on the vine. The growing season was marked by daily fluctuations in temperatures which lends the fruit complexity and depth of color and flavor. We saw even ripening and superb quality across the entire vineyard. A heat spike in July drove ripening. Harvest was late October. Tonnage was light – quality was excellent.



Winemaker’s Notes: Red rocky, volcanic soil farmed using Organic and Demeter Biodynamic farming methods. Alcohol: 17.9%; pH: 3.5; Residual Sugars: 13%; Cooperage: Aged 29 months in 100% Marchive French Oak from Allier Forest, France; Production: 270 cases

Tasting Notes: Crafted in the traditional Late Bottled Vintage Port Style, this wine is fortified with alembic high-proof oak-aged brandy. Dark saturated color showing ruby jewel tones will age to dark plum amber. Deliciously scented with sultry aromas of sweet pipe tobacco, red roses, dark chocolate. Flavors of smooth, rich caramel, black chocolate cherries, sweet smoky oak, and sandalwood delight the palate. Sweet, yet balanced with tannins and acidity to lend structure.



Accolades

91 points *Wine Enthusiast* “Cellar Selection”
95 points, Double Gold, Best of Class *Sunset Int’l Wine Competition*
Gold Medal *Critics Challenge Int’l Wine & Spirits Competition*



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