

## 2013 RESERVE MERITAGE napa valley

In 1983, with dreams of raising their young family on a farm, Tony and Herta Peju bought thirty acres of vines in the famed Rutherford district of the Napa Valley. Since then, the Peju family has maintained a meticulous focus on the land, fostering sustainable and environmental consciousness across their five estates. Still family-owned and operated with daughters Lisa and Ariana at the helm, Peju Winery is an integral piece of the Napa Valley landscape.

## VINTAGE

A textbook grape growing year for the Napa Valley, 2013 started off with healthy winter rains leading into a warm, dry spring and an early bud break. The extended heat spike at the start of July made summer temperatures consistently warm, allowing the grapes to mature steadily and develop complex flavors. Winemaker Sara Fowler describes 2013 as "beautiful, balanced and delicious."

## TASTING

Our inaugural release of this highly coveted Bordeaux blend was bottle aged for three years before being released. Our 2013 Reserve Meritage offers up rich, concentrated blackberry and cassis fruit, with some light spice, hints of vanilla and dark chocolate. The palate features firm well-integrated tannins, outstanding balance and a long, fruity and complex finish. Only 100 cases produced.

APPELLATION

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C O M P O S I T I O N 64% Cabernet Sauvignon, 22% Cabernet Franc, 9% Malbec, 5% Merlot

ALCOHOL 14.8%

T A 6.4 g/l

P H 3.54

HARVEST DATE october 2013

BOTTLING DATE april 2016

RELEASE DATE november 2019

CELLARING enjoy now through 2025

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