

2013 CABERNET FRANC
napa valley

In 1983, 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 vineyard, which has grown to include a proactive approach to sustainability and environmental consciousness. That longstanding commitment and respect for the grapes can be tasted with each sip of these balanced and elegant wines. Still family-owned and operated with daughters Lisa and Ariana poised to take the helm, Peju Winery has become an integral piece of the Napa Valley landscape.

VINEYARD

Peju's Rutherford Estate is a California Certified Organic vineyard, and is planted primarily with Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot and Cabernet Franc. The winery's two additional properties, located in Pope Valley and Calistoga, are both sustainably farmed. At Persephone Ranch in Pope Valley, the climate is suited to grow Sauvignon Blanc, as well as Zinfandel, Syrah, Cabernet Sauvignon, Cabernet Franc, and Merlot. Cabernet Franc and Petit Verdot are grown on the Wappo Vineyard in Calistoga. Drawing from such varied terroir, the wines exhibit the perfect blend of mountain-fruit focus and Rutherford complexity.

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

This classic Cabernet Franc offers aromas of raspberry, green peppercorn and violets. Layers of savory dried herbs, clove, plum and blackberry immerse the mid-palate, finishing with hints of cedar and rosemary. This supple, elegant wine is brilliant now and will continue to mature for the next 5- 7 years.

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VINEYARD
*rutherford estate, persephone,
wappo*

COMPOSITION
*81% cabernet franc,
16% merlot, 2% malbec,
1% syrah*

COOPERAGE
*60% french oak and
40% american oak, 40% new*

AGING
23 months

ALCOHOL
14.5%

TA
6.6 g/l

PH
3.54

HARVEST DATE
october 2013

BOTTLING DATE
june 2015

RELEASE DATE
september 2015

CELLARING
enjoy now through 2023

SRP
\$60 | \$720