

2013 CABERNET FRANC
rutherford

Estate Reserve

PEJU
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 poised to take the helm, Peju Winery has become an integral piece of the Napa Valley landscape.

VINEYARD

Peju's Rutherford Estate is home to thirty acres of vines that stretch from Highway 29 to the Napa River. With an emphasis placed on green farming initiatives, our H.B. Vineyard has achieved California Certified Organic status and is planted primarily with Cabernet Sauvignon, Cabernet Franc, and Merlot. The wine produced here is a classic representation of Rutherford, a historic appellation known for wines of great depth, complexity, and longevity.

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

Captivating aromas of espresso dark chocolate, toasted s'more, ripe blackberry and spicy red cherry exude from this complex Cabernet Franc. The first sip offers richly textured flavors of currant compote and blackberry cobbler moving into a structured mid-palate of sweet tobacco and juicy plum. Finishing with long, smooth notes of cassis and raspberry, this wine is delightful now and will continue to mature for the next decade.

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COMPOSITION
*93% cabernet franc,
7% cabernet sauvignon*

COOPERAGE
*100% french oak,
85% new*

AGING
26 months

ALCOHOL
15.3%

TA
6.5 g/l

PH
3.42

HARVEST DATE
october 2013

BOTTLING DATE
may 2016

RELEASE DATE
september 2016

CELLARING
enjoy now through 2024

PRODUCTION
513 cases

SRP
\$145 | \$1740