

2013 PICCOLO
napa valley

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 environment 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.

INSPIRATION

Herta (H.B.) Peju drew inspiration for the name of this whimsical blend from the 1906 antique stained glass window that takes center stage in our iconic tower. A piccolo adds sparkle and brilliance to the overall sound of a musical piece, and much like a symphony, this stand-out wine is more than the sum of its parts.

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

Our 2013 Piccolo features fragrant aromas of blackberry, blueberry, toasted marshmallow, cocoa nibs and melted caramel. Mid-palate tannins immerse the taste buds showcasing flavors of succulent plum, blackberry and freshly cut wood. Smooth and round at the finish, this wine culminates with a hint of leather and sage. Our 2013 Piccolo's bright acidity makes it a wonderful companion to a broad spectrum of foods, pairing magnificently with hearty stews and BBQ.

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VINEYARD
persephone, rutherford

COMPOSITION
proprietary red blend of cabernet sauvignon, merlot, cabernet franc, syrah.

COOPERAGE
french and american oak, 20% new

AGING
20 months

ALCOHOL
14.8%

TA
6.5 g/l

PH
3.53

HARVEST DATE
october 2013

BOTTLING DATE
june 2016

RELEASE DATE
may 2017

CELLARING
enjoy now through 2019

SRP
\$30 | \$360