

2013 Sonoma Valley
Richards Vineyard Syrah

What the Richards Vineyard has taught us is that, sometimes, the best thing we can do as winemakers is step aside and let terroir do the heavy-lifting. The stress on the vines during the growing season has produced a wine intensely steeped in a sense-of-place. Each sip is a step on a journey, as you turn over each stone in the vineyard, taste the lavender in the air and smell the verdant redwoods that surround this small but majestic vineyard of 2,200 vines. This is the feeling we have as we make and taste this wine, and what we hope you will all feel as you pop one of these special bottles.

The wine opens with a nose that's equal parts meaty and earthy. Prosciutto and bacon fat, underbrush and tapenade greet you with a core of crushed black currants, black cherries, fudge, and tar, plus hints of Provence herbs and garrigue. The palate on the 2013 Richards is rich, unctuous and exquisitely layered with impeccable balance.

Cellar Notes:

Percentage New Oak

33%

Barrel Aging

28 months

Bottling Date

January 28, 2016

Composition

100% Syrah

Alcohol

14.8%

Production

466 cases

~80% Whole Cluster · Native Ferment/Native ML

