

DARMS LANE

Napa Valley



2013 LINDA'S HILLSIDE CABERNET SAUVIGNON, NAPA VALLEY

VINEYARD: The Estate Linda's Hillside Vineyard is located in the southwestern bench lands of Napa Valley, in the Oak Knoll District appellation. The prime hillside vineyard on the Darms Lane estate is named in honor of Linda Bump co-owner of Darms Lane who passed away in 2007 from Ovarian Cancer. It is the finest wine we make – a tribute to her.

APPELLATION: Oak Knoll District of Napa Valley

GROWING SEASON NOTES: THE 2013 vintage started with an early bud break in mid-March for the Cabernet Sauvignon. Even and warmer temperatures marked the first half of the growing season. Followed by a period of cooler weather that allowed for extended hang time, October brought warmer temps that pushed the Cabernet to peak ripeness and we harvested the hillside block on October 4th.

VARIETAL: 100% Cabernet Sauvignon

WINEMAKER: Brian Mox

BARREL AGING: 21 months in Oak – 50% New (100% French Oak)

WINEMAKER TASTING NOTES: Our finest 2013 wine offers boysenberry, blackberry, cassis, vanilla, hints of mocha and chocolate and a slightly briary, savory note with a subtle oak toast. On the palate is fresh dark berry fruit and mocha. Fine tannins on entry, well-structured mid-palate with slightly chewy, rich tannins. We recommend some cellaring and decanting through 2020, it should peak 2022-2028 and continue to age.

PRODUCTION: 72 cases