



# AVALON

NAPA VALLEY

CABERNET SAUVIGNON

2013

Avalon wines are named after the legendary Isle of Avalon, a place steeped in history and tradition. As we craft Avalon, we meld ancient winemaking techniques with modern technology. We combine thoughtful vineyard selection and intuitive winemaking methods to create a selection of wines that are beautifully balanced and effortlessly enjoyable. Savor Avalon wines when you're looking for an everyday getaway filled with relaxation and renewal. Avalon offers the ideal "go-to" wines for every occasion.

## VINTAGE

"Early, even and excellent" – three words that define the 2013 Napa Valley growing season. A warm, dry spring led to an early bud break, fostered canopy vigor and berry size and created ideal conditions for flowering and fruit set under sunny skies. With the exception of one heat spike in late June/early July, temperatures were consistently in the zone for optimal vine activity, resulting in notably healthy vines as fruit went through veraison and started ripening. Overall, flavors and aromas were quite impressive in 2013 with deep, intense color for all the bordelaise varieties.

## WINEMAKING

Avalon Napa Valley Cabernet is crafted with grapes grown in select sub-appellations of this world famous growing region:

**RUTHERFORD AVA** Producing world renowned Cabernet for over a century, this distinct terroir adds the legendary Rutherford Dust dark cocoa character as well as powerful elegance.

**OAK KNOLL DISTRICT AVA** Located two miles north of Napa, the Oak Knoll District is one of Napa Valley's coolest regions, often 10°F cooler than St. Helena, fostering grapes with balanced acidity and subtle, integrated tannins.

**COOMBSVILLE AVA** A newly designated AVA located in southern Napa Valley, Coombsville has moderate temperatures and a long, slow growing season. These vineyards provide excellent structure, along with underlying notes of earth and slate.

## SENSORY PROFILE

Vibrant aromas of blackberry and juicy plum mingle with notes of violet and vanilla. A silky texture on the palate frames generous flavors of ripe red raspberry and black cherry. Supple tannins with hints of Rutherford Dust are beautifully integrated with the dark fruit flavors leading to a smooth, lingering finish.

## RECOMMENDED FOOD PAIRINGS

Braised beef short ribs, roasted vegetable tarts, grilled rib-eye steak or aged Gouda cheese.

## TECHNICAL DATA

### APPELLATION

Napa Valley

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.61 g/100ml

### AGING

16 months in French and American oak barrels

### VARIETAL COMPOSITION

77% Cabernet Sauvignon  
21% Merlot, 2% Cabernet Franc

### pH

3.64

### ALCOHOL

13.8%



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