

2013 ZINFANDEL
napa valley

In 1983, 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 vineyard, which has grown to include a proactive approach to sustainability and environmental consciousness. That longstanding commitment and respect for the grapes can be tasted with each sip of these balanced and elegant wines. 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

Persephone Vineyard is our 350-acre estate in the heart of Pope Valley, a largely undiscovered grape-growing region in the northeast corner of Napa Valley. The ranch is planted with 130 acres of vines, which includes our Bordeaux grape varieties as well as Zinfandel, Syrah, Sauvignon Blanc, and Chardonnay. At nearly 1,000 feet elevation, the area is characterized by wide temperature swings and little fog, which allows for a consistent growing season and produces fruit with rich, focused flavor, and a precise sense of place. Persephone is sustainably farmed, moving towards organic certification.

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 Zinfandel exudes fragrant aromas of ripe blackberry and brambleberry complemented by earthy qualities of forest floor and tobacco leaf. Lush and elegant on the palate, this sophisticated Zinfandel exhibits a classic white pepper spice layered with flavors of molasses, coffee and raspberry. Deliciously balanced by fresh acidity and supple tannins, this wine finishes with notes of dark chocolate.

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VINEYARD
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COMPOSITION
100% zinfandel

COOPERAGE
american oak, 25% new

AGING
16 months

ALCOHOL
15.1%

TA
6.7 g/l

PH
3.62

HARVEST DATE
october 2013

BOTTLING DATE
june 2015

RELEASE DATE
january 2016

CELLARING
enjoy now through 2018

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