

Nicholson Jones

2013 Nicholson Jones Sugarloaf Mountain Cabernet Sauvignon

Vintage:	2013
Varietal:	100% Estate Grown Cabernet Sauvignon
Vineyard:	100% Sugarloaf Mountain Vineyard, Napa Valley
Aging:	19 months 100% New French Oak
Bottled:	Aug-2015
Released:	Aug-2016
Alcohol %:	15.5%
Production:	150 cases



Tasting Notes

A deep purple to ruby as it approaches the edge of the glass, this wine is quite visually remarkable. Sweet aromas of vanilla, cassis, black cherry, and baking spices are marked in the nose along with notes of violets, licorice, earth, and cigar box. Rich layers of currant, blackberry and kirsch mingle on the palate as they meet a solid core of balanced acidity and very fine tannins. This wine is full bodied, plush and opulent with big structure but can be enjoyed now given sufficient air, or cellared to develop further and enjoy in the coming years.

Terroir

Located very south Napa Valley between Carneros and Coombsville, the vineyard sits on a volcanic rocky bench, in a cooler climate widely influenced by the bay. In this very cool area grapes take longer to ripen and require considerable hang time. Standing in this beautiful vineyard, one can see the most northern part of the San Francisco Bay. Sugarloaf has a great tannin composition supporting large shoulders and volume. The wine is perfectly ripe yet expressing fresh aromas and soft acidity. 2013 Sugarloaf is one of the most European expression of cabernet sauvignon from our line of single vineyards. Definitely a laydown bottle with great aging potential. Approachable now with some good decanting.

Julien Fayard, *Winemaker*

Cal Nicholson, *Owner/Vintner*



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