



ALPHA OMEGA

2013

ERA
Napa Valley



ERA, Alpha Omega's flagship wine, represents the highest level of dedication to handcrafting a wine which serves as the confluence of Old World traditions and New World techniques. Our Winemaker, Jean Hoefliger, and Consulting Winemaker, Michel Rolland, work together to blend a wine which highlights the exceptional diversity of Napa Valley terroir. ERA is a blend of Cabernet Sauvignon from seven award-winning and historic vineyards in Napa Valley. Handcrafted and barrel-fermented with its natural wild yeast, ERA is neither fined nor filtered. Alpha Omega's unique style of blending Cabernet Sauvignons from various terroirs results in a wine with the perfect balance of depth, intensity and elegance.

Winemaker Notes:

"2013 was an optimal growing season and very representative of a classic Napa Valley vintage. The warm temperatures allowed for ideal sugar ripeness early on, which allowed us to wait for the tannins to fully ripen. With the absence of pressure to pick early due to rain, we were able to harvest the grapes when we desired, which gave us wines with a very concentrated profile for both aromas and tannins. This stellar growing season led to wines with great intensity and complexity. ERA 2013 is concentrated and expressive with a strong backbone of acidity and an elegant, lasting finish." -Jean Hoefliger

Color: deep, dark black cherry with hints of ruby on the rim

On the nose: raspberries, blueberries, cassis and blackberries with touches of soap, violet and milk chocolate evolving on thyme, cedar and licorice

On the palate: round, velvety entrance evolving on structured but granular tannins with hints of black cherry, plum and blueberry jam lingering on rose, wisteria, elderberries and huckleberries

Blend: 96% Cabernet Sauvignon, 4% Cabernet Franc

Fermentation: 100% barrel fermented

Aging: 22 months, 80% new French oak, 20% 1-year-old barrels

Vineyards: Beckstoffer Missouri Hopper, Beckstoffer To Kalon, Sunshine Valley Vineyard, Beckstoffer Georges III, Beckstoffer Las Piedras, Beckstoffer Dr. Crane and Stagecoach

Case Production: 900

Alcohol: 14.8%