

APEX CELLARS

2013 THE CATALYST RED BLEND

Founded in 1988, Apex Cellars strives to surpass its premium winemaking with each new vintage. The concept behind Apex Cellars remains steadfast: to produce quality wine so special and so outstanding that they represent the ultimate in winemaking and Washington State. Apex's team of dedicated grape growers and cellar masters are focused on quality and craftsmanship with each vintage for every wine.

TASTING NOTE

Dark purple in color and a lively entry with plum and blackberry aromas that are met with hints of tobacco and baking spice. The 2013 Catalyst Red Blend is firm on the palate with rich and elegant flavors of Italian plum, black currant and marionberry. This Syrah-driven wine has a moderately lingering finish and is perfect for food pairing.

COLUMBIA VALLEY

The warmest vintage in a decade, 2013's growing season cooled off just in time for harvest, and picking proceeded at a normal pace starting at the end of August. Total tonnage, approximately 220,000 tons, was up easily five percent over 2012, a record for Washington State. With a warm 2013 vintage, growers spread out canopies a bit more than usual and adjusted crop sizes to achieve a good balance of acidity and phenolic ripeness. Mother Nature made picking advantageous; varieties reached ripeness at different times, allowing crews a well-phased, thoughtfully-planned harvest.

BLEND

49% Syrah, 39% Cabernet Sauvignon, 12% Merlot

VINEYARDS

Goose Ridge, Willow Crest, Alder Ridge, Jones & Shaw, Canyon Vineyard Ranch

BOTTLING

pH: 3.77
TA: 5.3 g/L
Alc: 12.8%

YEAST

EX-1118 and D254

AGING

10 months in French and American oak. 20% New

BOTTLED

December 2017

CASES PRODUCED

6,260



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