



## 16th Annual Chopsticks & Wine • How the West Was Won

### *Highly Allocated Tasting Notes*

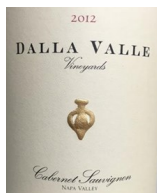
#### **2013 Blankiet Proprietary Red Paradise Hills Vineyard Yountville Napa Valley**



“The 2013 Proprietary Red, which is 83% Cabernet Sauvignon, 9% Merlot and the rest Cabernet Franc and Petit Verdot, is another prodigious effort from Blankiet. Inky purple, with notes of lead pencil shavings, white chocolate, espresso bean, blackberry and cassis, the wine hits the palate with a crescendo of blue and black fruits, a touch of toast, licorice and foresty notes. Stunningly rich, full-bodied and impressive, this wine will age for at least 30 more years.”

Wine Advocate: 98 points

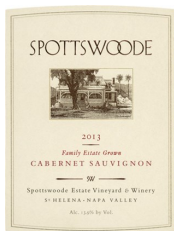
#### **2012 Dalla Valle Cabernet Sauvignon Oakville Napa Valley**



“The 2012 Cabernet Sauvignon (virtually all Cabernet Sauvignon) exhibits rich blackcurrant, forest floor, unsmoked cigar tobacco, and hints of licorice and new barriques. Dominated by its fruit, this full-bodied, plush, opulent wine is a seamless, classic example of hillside Napa Cabernet Sauvignon. It can be drunk early, but should age effortlessly for two decades or more.”

Wine Advocate: 94 points

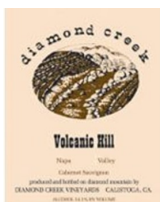
#### **2013 Spottswoode Estate Cabernet Sauvignon St. Helena Napa Valley**



“Yields continued to increase in 2013, with just over 4,000 cases of wine from a blend of 88% Cabernet Sauvignon, 8% Cabernet Franc and 4% Petit Verdot. This is another killer effort from Spottswoode. Inky bluish purple to the rim, it has hints of violets intermixed with sweet foresty notes, blackcurrants, chocolate and a touch of subtle smoke and earth. It is dense, with higher acidity and more noticeable structure than the 2012, but is as concentrated, dense and promising. Some patience is warranted in 2013, and I would suggest waiting another 5-6 years before pulling the cork on one. It is a 50-year wine at the very minimum and a great classic.”

Wine Advocate : 99 points

#### **2014 Diamond Creek Cabernet Sauvignon Volcanic Hill Diamond Mountain District Napa Valley**



Loads of blue fruit, violets and lavender. Flowers everywhere. Full body and medium chewy tannins. Bright and vivid. Tangy and long. Needs four to five years to open. Try in 2022.

James Suckling: 96 points

#### **2013 DuMol Estate Pinot Noir Russian River Valley Sonoma**



“The 2013 Pinot Noir Estate is 100% DuMOL Estate fruit from high density plantings, 80% from the Calera selection and 20% from the Swan. The most backward and tannic of the 2013 Pinot Noirs, it has a dark ruby/plum color and notes of forest floor, blackcurrants, cherries, and underbrush. It is spicy, earthy, and best drunk after another two years of bottle age. It does seem capable of lasting 10-15 years.”

Wine Advocate: 91 points

#### **2012 Morlet Pinot Noir En Famille Fort Ross-Seaview Sonoma Coast**



“The 2012 Pinot Noir En Famille (550 cases produced) comes from Goldridge soils, is 100% barrel-fermented, and is aged in older, neutral demi-muids as well as new oak. Medium-bodied and elegant, with more of the red fruit/forest floor spectrum than its siblings, it reveals soil undertones, underbrush, red and blackcurrants, sweet cherries and pomegranate characteristics. Drink it over the next 7-8 years.”

Wine Advocate: 90 points

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