

BRAVANTE

Napa Valley

2013 Estate Grown Merlot

At Bravante Vineyards, we have 2 blocks of Merlot, one at each end of our Stoneridge Vineyard. They both add distinctive facets to our Estate Grown Merlot. At the northern end of the property is Block 1, which is classic Merlot- rich, fruity and complex. At the southern end is Block 5, which is all 'Howell Mountain'- intense, minerally and structured. Blended together they produce layers of varietal Merlot flavors, dark and concentrated with a firm, structured backbone.

Our 2013 Merlot has intense aromas of cherry and cassis, blended with sage and hints of cedar and pepper. The luscious body has nice firm tannins and flavors of ripe strawberry, raspberry with hints of mineral and oak, and a long supple berry finish.

Viticulture

Appellation:	100% Estate Grown Howell Mountain
Varietal Content:	91% Merlot 9% Cabernet Sauvignon

Winemaking:

Time in oak:	23 months
Bottling:	September 2015
Alcohol:	14.6%
Aging potential:	7 to 10 years
Cases produced:	270 cases produced
Release date:	October 1, 2018
Vineyard manager:	Peter Murphy
Winemaker:	Duane Dappen

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