

CUDA RIDGE *Wines*

**Winemakers Notes: 2013 Cabernet Sauvignon Reserve
Livermore Valley**

Description: The Cuda Ridge reserve Cabernet Sauvignon is a selection of the best of the barrels (Cabernet and blenders) for the vintage, and aged for 30+ months in French Oak. Elegant and complex from beginning to end. Reminds me of sitting in my grandfathers smoky office with leather chairs and box of open fresh cigars. Red fruit of cherries and pomegranate are layered with the leather, smoke and tobacco. This wine has depth and can be enjoyed by itself, or with a nicely seared Rib-eye steak.

Varietals: 83% Galles Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon, Livermore Valley
 13% Smith Ranch Vineyard Petit Verdot, Livermore Valley
 2% One Oak Vineyard Merlot, Livermore Valley
 2% White Cat Vineyard Malbec, Livermore Valley

Vineyard: Galles vineyard is just North/East of Greenville and Tesla intersection. The Galles vineyard is meticulously managed by the Galles family and pruned to a target yield of no more than 3 ton per acre. The Galles vineyard is located on a rolling hill, the fruit on the higher elevations ripen sooner than the valley floor. The fruit is usually picked in 2 or 3 lots to get the perfect flavors and chemistry (ph, TA, and Brix). The location gets high winds in the afternoon thus having a significant cooling of the grapes in late afternoon which help produce the complexity and finesse of this Bordeaux style Cabernet.

Awards: GOLD Medal – 2017 San Francisco Wine Competition
 92 Points – Wine Enthusiast

Cases Produced: 49

Bottle Date: May 20, 2016

Barrel Treatment: 31 months in French oak, 100% New French Oak

Vital Statistics:

TA .70 g/100ml

pH: 3.61

Al 13.4% Alcohol by Volume

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