



2013

MATANZAS  
CREEK  
WINERY

JOURNEY  
RED WINE

## OUR ESTATE

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Matanzas Creek has been dedicated to a genuine expression of Sonoma County since 1977. As is true of all the world's premier wineries, our expertise is a direct result of extensive observation and work in the vineyard and cellar.

## WINEMAKING

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Our Journey Red is a selection of our best vineyard blocks. The blend changes with each harvest, but the focus remains the same: crafting an inspiration blend of impeccable balance and harmony. With this vintage we went back to our roots, focusing on our incredibly high-quality Merlot vineyard blocks, which rival some of the most famous Merlot sites in the world. The main clone component is Merlot Clone 181, informally known as the Petrus Clone, which provides supreme concentration and elegance, with a lingering, persistent finish.

## WINE PROFILE

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A beautiful fruit forward profile of fresh and preserved blackberry and boysenberry are interwoven with touches of salty black licorice and dark chocolate. Secondary aromas present an intriguing blend of mesquite, dried tarragon, and aged cigar box, providing an incredibly complex flavor profile. An elegant mouth feel is highlighted by lightly roasted coffee bean, which slowly evolves to touches of cocoa powder and freshly picked truffles. A bright and refreshing acidity lingers on the finish.

## VINTAGE NOTES

2013 was a dry year, with only minimal rainfall during the winter and spring months. This led to smaller berries and clusters, resulting in fruit of incredible power and concentration. Blocks were individually handpicked to ensure optimal ripening times. We then fermented each lot in small wooden tanks to develop a round texture and lush mid palate.

## STATISTICS

COMPOSITION: 90% Merlot  
9% Cabernet Sauvignon  
1% Petite Verdot

APPELLATION: Sonoma County, California

AGING: Aged 16 months in 100%  
French Oak (46% new)

ALCOHOL: 15%

PH: 3.62

TA: 0.63 g/L

RS: 0.04 g/L