

Eleanor 2013 RED WINE



"I met Eleanor in 1962 on the set of my first feature film. Having much in common, our friendship blossomed into a romance; we married, started a family, and dreamt of having a small country house in the Napa Valley and a few acres of grapes. Unexpectedly, we found ourselves the owner of a large, beautiful wine estate. We now have wineries in both Napa and Sonoma valleys. Eleanor has always been a true partner in all my endeavors, bringing her creativity, honesty and generous spirit to it all — she's wife, mother, artist, filmmaker — collaborator and inspiration. For all this and more, after 50 years of marriage, I want to honor her with 'Eleanor', her own wine."—Francis Coppola

THE LABEL

The floral Art Deco design on the label honors Eleanor's love of textiles. She has traveled the world in pursuit of her passion for unique fabrics. This label reflects her special love for patterns that were prevalent during the Art Deco period.

THE WINE

Similar to Australia's famed Penfold's Grange, Eleanor is a robust red blend that combines fruit from both of the Coppola properties. Blending Syrah and Petite Sirah grown in Rutherford with Sonoma Cabernet Sauvignon and Syrah we've created a unique bottling that is very long lived with exceptional depth and complexity.

We thought we had hit the jackpot with the 2012 vintage only to have another incredible season in 2013. Moderate temperatures throughout summer allowed the fruit to hang a little longer than normal and since the vines were optimized from having good weather two years in a row, the fruit developed great concentration and profuse aromatics because the berries were small. Impeccably structured with ripe tannins and great extraction, our fifth vintage of Eleanor reflects our best effort yet.

THE TASTE

Beautifully perfumed with dramatic spices, our 2013 Eleanor offers a rich, velvety palate of jammy boysenberries, cassis, and juicy plums enlivened by fragrant notes of black cherries, cloves, allspice, and cocoa. Less obvious are the mineral nuances this vintage, with intrigue added by seasoned wood and earthy notes that emerge as the wine opens up. We've experimented with different types of oak the past few years, and are extremely pleased with the way the barrels have impacted the fruit from this outstanding vintage.

BLEND:

Rutherford: 27% Syrah, 22% Petite Sirah
Alexander Valley: 39% Cabernet Sauvignon
Dry Creek Valley: 12% Syrah

BARREL REGIMEN: 15 months in French oak

ALCOHOL: 14.5%

Corey Beck, Winemaker