

BRAVE & MAIDEN

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TECHNICAL NOTES

2013 Limited Merlot

Almost black in color, this is a wine with heft. The aromatics include cocoa, caraway seeds, cedar, and star anise. This wine has a firm structure, with chewy tannin but a creamy texture. Almost port-like in its intensity, the wine finishes with a hint of oak. Two barrels produced. Drink now through 2022 and beyond.

VITICULTURE	<i>AVA</i>	Los Olivos District, Santa Ynez Valley
	<i>Year(s) Planted</i>	1996-1998
	<i>Clone(s)</i>	181
	<i>Harvest Date(s)</i>	Throughout October
	<i>Vintage Notes</i>	2013 was a very dry year due to low rainfall. We saw early bud-break throughout the vineyard while the usual marine layer, generally present through the growing season, was mostly absent. The warm season accelerated the ripening of all varieties, but made for a bountiful, well-ripened harvest.
WINEMAKING	<i>Description</i>	De-stemmed and hand-sorted whole berries to 2-4 ton fermenters, fermented for 14 days and extended maceration for 3 weeks. Barreled down to 100% French oak, 60% new and aged for 19 months.
	<i>Alcohol</i>	15.0%
	<i>pH</i>	3.60
	<i>Total Acid</i>	0.595 mg/100mL
	<i>Residual Sugar</i>	none
	<i>Bottle Date</i>	11th of September 2015
	RELEASE	<i>Cases</i>
	<i>Release Date</i>	Fall 2016
	<i>SRP</i>	\$65