



Harvest & Varietal Information

VINTAGES: 60% 2012, 40% 2013

VINEYARD LOCATIONS: 61% Spring Mountain District, 39% Valley Floor, 100% Napa Valley

RELEASE DATE: September 1, 2017

NV13 is our biggest, most dramatic Cain Cuvée to date. For this wine, we look for early drinkability—and you will find it. You will also find nearly enough richness and substance to overwhelm the inherent complexity of this beautiful wine, but the balance succeeds. In the world of serious red wine, Cain Cuvée stands almost alone. All of our wines are Cabernet blends, and yet the Cain Cuvée takes it one step further—it is also a blend of two vintages.

Today, with the exception of Champagne, the blending of vintages has been nearly forgotten and lost, except with Cain Cuvée. Though the vineyards are the same, no two vintages are ever identical. Certainly a thoughtful blend of two vintages will always be more balanced, more complex, and more interesting than either could be by itself.

At Cain, the whole point of blending is to create a synergy and complexity that transcends the sum of the parts. We've been blending two vintages for nearly twenty years, ever since 1998 when we composed our first blend, harmonizing the light and fresh 98s with the more full and lush 97s. That wine has aged wonderfully and is still beautiful today. The two vintages composing the NV13 Cain Cuvée, 2013 and 2012, are two of the richest, ripest, most powerful vintages in the past 30 years. Of these two, 2012 is the lusher and most immediately accessible, while the 2013 is more reserved and more structured. Together, they harmonize beautifully to create the biggest, richest Cain Cuvée to date. But, don't drink it too fast—you will need patience and attention to discover the complexity of this wine.

Rest assured that this wine is meant to be enjoyed now. The whole principle of the Cain Cuvée project is to deliver wines that you can take seriously, and also that you can enjoy without a special occasion. Even so, if you have a bottle or two left, the NV13 will easily run for another decade.

Christopher Howell, Wine-Grower

About Cain Vineyard & Winery

Cain Vineyard & Winery overlooks St. Helena from the top of Spring Mountain in the western mountains of the Napa Valley. The estate vineyard is planted to the classic set of five varieties: Cabernet Sauvignon, Cabernet Franc, Merlot, Malbec, and Petit Verdot. We make three wines: Cain Cuvée, Cain Concept representing the classical benchlands of the Napa Valley, and our signature blend, Cain Five.

For information on our other two wines, Cain Concept—The Benchland and Cain Five, visit www.CainFive.com.