

2013 Russian River Valley Walker Vine Hill Syrah

The last vintage of Walker Vine Hill is the final step in its long journey with Donelan Family Wines. This bittersweet ending finishes on an incredibly high note, leaving no cliffhangers. Over the many years working with this vineyard, we have learned a great deal about how to approach each individual section. Years of identifying variations within the site – even sections as small as 2 rows – came to an epic conclusion in the 2013 vintage, with the segmentation of 14 distinct lots. Like variations on a theme, these lots were separated based on vigor, vine-age, fruit intensity and ripeness, making it the most dynamic of any vintage produced of Walker Vine Hill.

The 2013 Walker Vine Hill is evidence of our growth in winemaking, from identifying the unique attributes of a vineyard to understanding optimum pick dates and how to treat each lot in the cellar. This translated to lots of wine ranging from fully destemmed to 100% whole-cluster, a range of new oak percentages per lot, and varying lengths of macerations.

The 2013 pulls the best traits from each vintage of Walker Syrah's history at Donelan Wines: 2008's richness, 2009's acidity, 2010's purity, 2011's spice and 2012's structure. The final blend is driven by an extremely seductive nose with chocolate covered blueberries, red currants, and clove unfolding on the nose. The palate is densely constructed with velvety tannins and a long, full finish.

We are extremely pleased to offer the 2013 Walker Vine Hill Syrah, the farewell tour for this rock star wine.

Cellar Notes:

Percentage New Oak

25%

Barrel Aging

20 months

Bottling Date

July 25th, 2015

Composition

100% Syrah

Alcohol

14.0%

Production

1025 cases

~55% Whole Cluster · Native Ferment/Native ML

