

TERRA BLANCA

WINERY & ESTATE VINEYARD

2013 ONYX

64% CABERNET SAUVIGNON 29% MERLOT
3% PETIT VERDOT 3% CABERNET FRANC 1% MALBEC

“Our 2013 ONYX beautifully shows the power and grace of Red Mountain with the concentrated fruit typical of warmer growing seasons. The 2013 ONYX lifts out of the glass with fragrances of fresh raspberries and strawberries with notes of rose, violet and pencil shavings. On the palate, the 2013 ONYX shows a concentration of cherry, plum, and dark cherry that leads to the core black fruit flavors of blackberry and cassis. The superbly balanced finish allows these darker fruits to extend the palate while presenting hints of dark chocolate as the flavors seem to continue endlessly.”

Keith Pilgrim,
Owner/Winemaker

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VINEYARD

*Red Mountain Estate Vineyard
Salmon Safe Certified*

GROWING CONDITIONS

2013 approached the record for the warmest growing season, getting off to a quick start with bud break in early April and continuing with a warm spring leading into a very warm, consistent growing season. The absence of very hot temperatures kept the grape plants ripening the fruit throughout late July and August and resulted in an early start to harvest. Warm weather in the extended fall allowed the ripening to continue evenly and consistently for all varietals in contrast to 2012. Our initial impressions of the wines from the 2013 vintage are wines with a huge fruit expression with big structure and depth. The wines are more expressive in their youth than the 2010 or 2011 vintage.

HARVEST

Average Sugar – 25.1 brix | Average Titratable Acidity – 0.510 g/100ml | Average pH – 3.7

Fermentation was conducted in both open and closed tanks, often with an extended cold soak prior to start of alcoholic fermentation. The wines were fermented with a variety of native and inoculated yeasts, often with multiple yeast types. Extended maceration at the end of alcoholic fermentation allowed extraction of finer grained more stable tannins. The wines were aged for up to 32 months in French oak barrels, 86% new.

BOTTLE

Titrateable Acidity – 0.590g/100ml | pH – 3.74 | Alcohol – 13.5% by volume | Production – 464 cases

White Earth. Blue Skies. Red Mountain.

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