



BUTTONWOOD

WINERY & VINEYARD

2013 Classic Cuvée

PROUDLY GROWN, PRODUCED AND BOTTLED ON OUR SANTA YNEZ VALLEY ESTATE

OVERVIEW

Created to be your go-to everyday wine, this Bordeaux blend is great with meatloaf on Wednesday, pizza on Friday or barbecue any day of the week.

BLEND

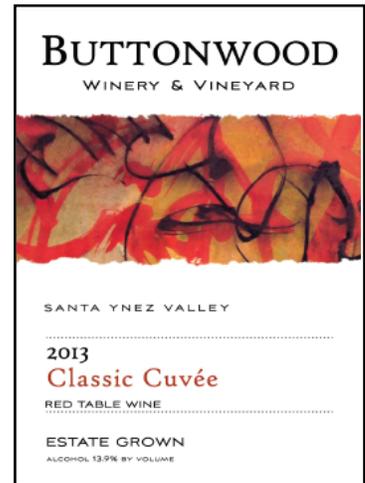
40% Cabernet Franc, 40% Merlot,
12% Cabernet Sauvignon, 8% Malbec.

SPECS

13.9% Alcohol, 3.46 pH, 6.8 g/L acidity.

PRODUCTION

1006 750ml, 100 375ml cases.
Bottled May 2016.



IN THE VINEYARD

All of our four Bordeaux varieties come together in this easy-going blend. All own-rooted and cane pruned, Merlot and Malbec majestically sweep down an east-west swale, while Cabernet Franc and Cabernet Sauvignon march north-south in the ancient rocky soils of the southeast corner of the estate.

THE VINTAGE

2013 was bountiful and beautiful. A return to “normal” with warm and even temperatures throughout the growing season, short-lived heat spikes and cool evenings in the summer months. The result was early seed ripening, beautiful stem lignification and superb balance. We started picking the red Bordeaux grapes with Malbec on October 8th and finished with Cabernet Franc on Halloween - a treat!

WINEMAKING

All four varietals were fermented and aged separately using about 20% new French oak barrels for 30 months. The most approachable barrels were chosen and a blend determined, returned to barrel to “marry” as a blend, then filtered and bottled under a screwtop finish May 2016.

TASTING NOTES

The vibrant maroon color hints of the character of this approachable wine. Aromas of plum and blackberry mingle with baking spice and vanilla bean. A first sip is rewarded with reminders of baked cherries and capuccino, all framed by food-friendly acidity and soft tannins. Enjoyable now and will cellar for 3-5 years.

THE ARTIST SERIES LABEL ORIGINAL ART BY CO-OWNER SEYBURN ZORTHIAN