



Harvested

10/15/13

Appellation

Amador

Varietal(s)

Barbera

Brix at Harvest

23

Quantity

222 Cases

Alcohol

14.4%

Cooper Vineyard Reserve Barbera

2013 Charles B. Mitchell Vineyards

Winemaker's Notes

Barbera is a red Italian wine grape and is the third most-planted red grape variety in Italy. This varietal produces good yields, is known for deep color, low tannins and high levels of acid (tart). Barbera is used as a blender in Italian Chianti wines and is believed to have originated in the hills of Monferrato in central Piedmont, Italy where it has been known since the thirteenth century.

This Charles B. Mitchell Reserve Barbera from Amador County's Cooper Vineyard offers a very intense aroma of fresh blackberries, notes of cherries, raspberries and blueberries and black cherries. A very good candidate for cellaring and should age at least 6 months before opening. Reminiscent of a fine Barbera d'Alba, this Barbera may continue bottle aging for an additional five to possibly eight years or longer.

Food Recommendations: Savory stews with root vegetables, roasted cuts of beef and venison, grilled wild mushrooms and hard, aged sharp cheeses, including Parmigiano and Asiago.

Charles B. Mitchell Vineyards

Charles B. Mitchell has been producing award-winning wines in the Sierra Foothills for over 20 years. In the early 2000s, he purchased the original UC Davis test plot and started to carefully tend our grapes to create some of the area's premier Zinfandels. After discovering the true potential of the region, Charles was instrumental in creating the thirty-three square miles known as Fair Play into an established American Viticultural Area.