



Harvested; Bottled

9/14/13; 6/3/15

Appellation

Fair Play

Varietal(s)

Cabernet Sauvignon
Cabernet Franc
Merlot

Brix at Harvest

25.5

Quantity

200 Cases

Alcohol

14.4%

Estate Grand Reserve

2013 Charles B. Mitchell Vineyards

Winemaker's Notes

The 2013 Charles B. Mitchell Grand Reserve is a premium Bordeaux blend that represents the potential of the Fair Play Appellation. Continuing the long tradition of flagship Mitchell blends, this Grand Reserve is a full-bodied, complex wine with flavors of cherry, plum and spice that blend seamlessly to produce a smooth, lush wine. Produced from Estate Cabernet Sauvignon, Cabernet Franc, and Merlot, this sometimes intense wine is dark purple in color and its aromas are fruity or floral. The flavors are commonly described as white or black pepper spice character plus dark berries—boysenberry, black raspberry, blackberry and a bit of earth. Occasionally, there will be hints of chocolate or mocha to mellow the mix. The Charles B. Mitchell Grand Reserve is blended in the “left bank” Bordeaux style.

The 2013 Charles B. Mitchell Grand Reserve brings a big nose, complexity, excellent color extraction, Merlot backbone and spice. The Grand Reserve is blended to 70% Cabernet Sauvignon, 20% Merlot, and 10% Cabernet Franc. Bottle aging is recommended for 3 to 10 years to achieve ultimate flavors.

Food Recommendations: Beef, Pork Roast, Duck, Venison, Lamb Roast

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.