

Independent Wine Evaluation

THE SOMMELIER COMPANY

2013 Takuma Sato "Long Beach Edition" Cabernet Sauvignon

This is a juicy, velvety, and intense Cabernet Sauvignon with round, fresh fruit, lots of dried herbs and subtle oak. It opens up quickly and settles into its full character after an hour. The fruit is dark, underlined by piquant eucalyptus, mint and pine needles. Bitter, ashy minerals and beeswax make it highly typical as a Mount Veeder Cabernet.

The tannins are ripe and chewy. 14.5% alcohol makes it a powerful wine, more intense on the palate than the nose at present. The alcohol in combination with its flavors, makes for quite a masculine wine—but a balanced one with no unpleasant heat on the finish and some faint vanilla and cinnamon to round it out in the end. Look forward to additional complexity and balance with time in the cellar.

Complexity: Good; shows clear, varied flavors from beginning to end
Balance: Alcohol/tannin are more apparent than acidity, but in balance
Intensity: High; especially vigorous and persistent flavors on the palate
Character: Satisfying, succulent, even complex while wanting a bit for the individuality of character which might develop with time to mature
Typicity: Unmistakable Napa Cabernet, true to Mount Veeder form



Appellation: Mount Veeder
AVA, Napa Valley

Vintage: 2013

Composition: Cabernet
Sauvignon

Alcohol: 14.5%

Release Price: \$95

VISUAL, AROMATIC AND FLAVOR CHARACTERISTICS:

Appearance: Youthful; deep ruby, clear with no rim variation

Fruit, Floral: Wild blackberry, cassis, dark cherry, orange peel, lavender, violet

Spice, Herbal, Vegetal: Mint, tomato leaf, eucalyptus, pine needle, Herbes de Provence, salty black licorice, cinnamon

Oak, Earth, Other: Mulch, ash, beeswax, dark chocolate, tobacco, leather, vanilla

RESULTS:

Stage 1: Blind Tasting

- Complexity: 7/10
- Balance: 7/10
- Intensity: 8/10

Stage 2: Non-Blind

- Character: 6/10
- Typicity: 9/10

SCORE: 92

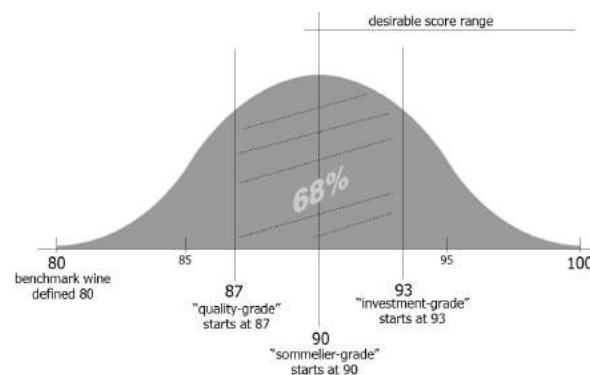


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EVALUATION MODEL:



METHODOLOGY DISCLOSURE: Full evaluation criteria and process description available upon request. Wines are tasted and evaluated in a controlled environment. Wine samples are provided by producer as part of paid evaluation assignment. Evaluation model assumes that wine quality is normally distributed between scores 80 and 100, where 80 represents a simple, but not flawed, standard wine.