

ANTICA NAPA VALLEY

TOWNSEND VINEYARD

2013 CABERNET SAUVIGNON

Antinori Family Estate  Twenty-Six Generations

Antica is an Antinori Family estate in the Napa Valley. The family's winemaking heritage dates back 26 generations and over 630 years in Italy. 'Antica' represents Antinori California, and fulfills the family's long-standing desire to produce beautiful wines in Napa Valley.

VINTAGE:

Winter temperatures were mild with the majority of rainfall occurring in early winter. This allowed the vines to quietly rest during the dormancy period. The dry conditions in late winter forced the vines out of dormancy and into early budbreak. The weather during budbreak and flowering were ideal without the threat of spring frost, leading to an excellent fruit set with berry uniformity within each cluster. It was an ideal growing season, with dry conditions and a long, sunny summer. The Cabernet Sauvignon fruit enjoyed a long, slow ripening period with harvest beginning in mid-September and continuing into early October. The Cabernet Sauvignon grapes ripened fully with rich varietal purity with small, deeply colored berries also providing the sweet, firm tannins.

VINEYARD:

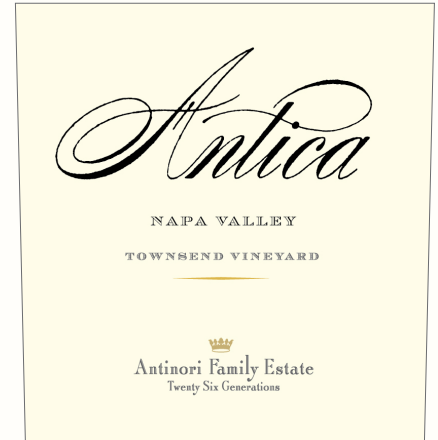
Set high on the ridge overlooking Rector Canyon and Napa Valley some 1600 feet below, this 24-acre vineyard is planted on a west facing slope of well-drained, volcanic soils. Townsend Vineyard's architecture is based on Antinori's planting philosophy for new vineyards in Tuscany. High density vine spacing ensures low production of fruit per vine. Vine rows are aligned from east to west to achieve ideal sun exposure. Vines are trained low to the ground to take advantage of radiant heat from the volcanic rock and soils. Finally, the ideal rootstock and clones of Cabernet Sauvignon were chosen to complement Townsend's terroir ensuring the best fruit expression.

VINIFICATION:

The Cabernet Sauvignon grape harvest began on September 12 and completed on October 16. Each section of the vineyard was tested daily to determine the optimum moment at which to harvest the grapes maximizing fruit flavor intensity. Only a very small percent of the grapes from this vineyard were selected for 2013 "Townsend Vineyard" Cabernet Sauvignon. The grapes were harvested in the cool early morning hours and immediately taken to the estate winery where the berries were removed from grape stem and placed onto the "Tommy" automatic grape sorting system before being placed in the stainless steel fermenting tank. The fermentation took place 10 – 14 days in temperature controlled tanks. After the new wine was removed from the skins, it was racked into 100% new French oak barrels where it went through a complete malolactic fermentation. When the barrel ageing period was completed after 18 months, the wine in each barrel was tasted and the necessary selections made. Individual barrels were racked resulting in the final blend. Melissa Apter (Antica Winemaker) and Renzo Cotarella (Antinori Chief Enologist) combined their individual winemaking expertise resulting in a wine that is the pinnacle of Antica Napa Valley.

TASTE:

The 2013 "Townsend Vineyard" is a deliciously pure Cabernet Sauvignon that has a ripe and juicy expression of dark berry, currant, espresso and mocha. The wine is supported by firm tannins that provide greater depth and with lingering flavors that surge past the wine's gentle texture giving a wonderful persistence on the palate.



APPELLATION

*Atlas Peak District
Napa Valley*

BLEND

*100% Townsend Vineyard
Cabernet Sauvignon*

CLONES

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ALCOHOL

14.5%

*Marchese Piero Antinori
Proprietor*