

LA STELLA

LA SOPHIA 2013

The Winemaker's Notes

La Sophia is akin to the great examples of Cabernet Sauvignon from the coastal areas of Tuscany: Maremma and Bolgheri. Similarly La Sophia draws comparison to great cabernets from Washington State rather than the plusher and fatter examples from Napa Valley.

2013 La Sophia is a force to be reckoned with. It presents a great nose of both black currant and cassis mingling with cigar box, forest floor, cedar, grilled anaheim peppers and sweet spicy tobacco (captain black's gold). On the palate there is great weight, firm but plush tannins with balanced natural acidity. decant for an extended time or keep your hands off and let this jewel of a Cabernet slumber in the cellar for at least a few years.

FOOD PAIRING:

Herb crusted rack of lamb is a winning pairing.

The Details

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| Grape Variety: | 100% Cabernet Sauvignon |
| Region: | North Oliver (Extension of Black Sage Bench) |
| Vineyard: | U2 |
| Soil Type: | Glacio fluvial: silt and gravel mix/alluvial deposit and sand. The site's geology is very complex and varies from row to row |
| Age of Vines: | 28 years old |
| Yield: | 3.1 tons/acre |
| Production Size: | 125 cases |
| Alcohol: | 15.10% |
| Aging: | 18 months in 100 % French oak barrels, 30 % new |

