



THE MARINER

2013 THE MARINER – *Dry Creek Valley*

ROBERT PARKER'S
WINE ADVOCATE
March 2016

90 Points - A proprietary blend of 54% Cabernet Sauvignon, 24% Merlot and the rest Petit Verdot, Malbec and Cabernet Franc, the 2013 The Mariner offers good blackcurrant fruit, new saddle leather and toasty vanillin from the oak (about 40% is new). This attractive, medium-bodied, refreshing, Bordeaux-style wine should drink nicely for at least a decade.

WINE ENTHUSIAST
June 2017

90 Points - This wine consists of all five red Bordeaux varieties, with 54% Cabernet Sauvignon making up the majority. A juicy front palate of cassis and blueberry leads to leathery, dusty tannins and notes of graphite, cedar and tea.

WINE & SPIRITS
June 2016

90 Points - It's an inky, big-boned wine, with dense tannins, ripe flavors of blackberry and chocolate, and some appetizing herbal nuances at the edges. Hunter Hammer of San Francisco's Jardinière suggested that its bold, hearty richness would be particularly appetizing with a medium-rare ribeye.

WINE REVIEW ONLINE.COM
May 2017

95 Points - One of Dry Creek's Meritage bottlings, and it always seems to be my favorite of the lot. Like this vintage, they're always built in a way that enables early enjoyment, but if you're the patient sort, they will also age gracefully over the long term. Gorgeous black berry, black cherry, mild leaf and chocolate notes, and just a touch of dried herbs are all present in aroma and flavor, and are already nicely integrated. The tannin structure shows a touch of firmness at present, but a short decant will round it off just fine. A Platinum Award winner at the 2017 Critics Challenge International Wine & Spirits Competition.

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WINE ENTHUSIAST
November 2015

92 Points - Cellar Selection Cabernet Sauvignon makes up the majority of this Meritage, with 25% Merlot, 8% Malbec, 8% Petit Verdot and 3% Cabernet Franc. The blending succeeds in offering a mix of chalky tannins and juicy cassis, with the wine structured and fairly elegant in style. Pencil lead and licorice mark the lengthy finish. Drink now through 2020.