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2013 THE GRADE Cellars “Kingly Project” Cabernet Sauvignon



Variety:	100% Cabernet Sauvignon
Appellation:	Napa Valley Calistoga Sub-AVA
Proprietors:	Brenda Mixson & Tom Thornton
Winemaker:	Thomas Rivers Brown
Release Date:	March 2016
Release Price:	\$150 retail per 750ml
Vineyard:	Winfield Vineyard (100% Estate Grown) Old Toll Road, Calistoga, CA
Harvest Date:	October 5, 2013
Vines:	Block 5 – Clone 337 on R/S SO4
Cooperage:	100% French Oak from Treuil and Jarnac (80% new)
Aging:	20 months; Bottled June 25, 2015
Panel:	14.8% Alcohol; 3.96 pH; 6.0 g/L Titratable Acidity
Production:	150 cases

Winemaker’s Tasting Notes:

“Because 2013 was a historic, giving vintage we were able to select 6 of the best barrels of wine produced from Block 5 in the Winfield vineyard for the Kingly Project. Wines with intense phenological density and fathoms of intricate flavors interplaying on the palate define the vintage. In the glass the wine displays a deep purple hue, almost completely opaque with a dark ruby rim. Even at a slight reach away the rich aromatics are immediately noticeable. Upon closer inspection, notes of pine bough, blackberry compote, cedar mulch and leather resonate in a uniform wave.

“On the palate there is a bright openness and vitality to this wine. Crushed rock, graphite, roasted espresso beans and sage smoke notes help complicate the brambly, dark fruit core. Grippy tannins frame the wine, providing an architectural support, especially present up front and slowly easing through the ethereal finish.”

-- Thomas Brown