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# MAROON WINES

## 2013 Cabernet Sauvignon

Maroon Vineyard, Coombsville AVA, Napa Valley

Almost two decades ago, Paul Maroon realized a lifelong ambition and relocated to Napa Valley with the hope of one day becoming a viable aspect of the Napa Valley wine trade. Sadly, Maroon recently passed away, but his mark on Napa Valley wines will be felt for a long time to come.

Maroon Wines began as a smallish operation with first release coming in 2008, a mere 500 cases. Maroon Wines' emphasis has always been on the venerable Cabernet Sauvignon, the varietal that was the much-noted favorite of Paul Maroon.

Success came early and often to Maroon wines as accolades and high scores pushed the entity into the ranks of Napa Valley's upper elite. The company's production also increased to its present-day level of around 10,000 cases. "This level is perfect for us, for here we can control all aspects of the wine from the beginning to the end," he often said. "If we were much bigger, this probably wouldn't be the case."

Paul Maroon was also a firm believer in terroir-driven wines. "Everyone in the business knows that it is the earth and the combination of drainage and minerals that make the difference," he was once quoted as saying. "We at Maroon Vineyard are blessed to have everything we need in one particular place."

Maroon Vineyard is planted at an altitude of between 200 and 600 feet and is twenty years old, factors that increase the quality of the fruit. "I just can't say enough about the vineyard," he was also quoted. "The fruit it produces makes our winemaking job all the easier."

Throughout the years, Maroon counted on Chris Corley (a second-generation member of the successful Monticello Vineyards family) to make all his wines. His next-door neighbor was Robert Craig of Robert Craig Winery and Affinity Wine. Craig was his friend and mentor and Maroon always insisted that Craig be given a great deal of credit for the successes of his Maroon Wines.

According to Kara Krushin, the Maroon Vineyard general manager, Maroon's wife Rene will continue the operation much as before and all employees have agreed to remain in place. Kara's reflection on Paul Maroon was simple and direct. "Paul was a gentle giant, a real teddy bear inside. He was generous and most gracious. He never met a person who didn't immediately become his friend."

Accolades and Tasting Notes

### 93 Points - Beverage Testing Institute

Fruit for this Special Reserve Cabernet originated in Maroon Vineyard in the Coombsville AVA of Napa Valley. The vineyard combines several unique factors including varying soils (including volcanic) mostly on hillsides, plus an excellent drainage system. These combine with a cooler climate (Coombsville is much cooler than the rest of Napa Valley) that produces a plethora of exceptional fruit. Unique violet/black color. Aromas of cherry, black currant, blackberry and honeycomb combine to produce dark chocolate and espresso on the palate. Lingering finish produces tobacco and creamy oak tones. 100% Cabernet Sauvignon. Aged in 100% new French Oak for a period of 24 months. Enjoy!



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