

2013 Smoke & Mirrors



Varietals: 37% Zinfandel
 25% Petite Sirah
 24% Syrah
 8% Alicante Bouschet
 6% Grenache

Appellations:

Napa, Sonoma, Paso, Amador

Aged 12 months in Concrete 600L Foudre, and 350-600 L French oak barrels

Average 30% whole cluster, no crush, co-fermentation

Trellis and Head Trained Vines, average 30 years old

14.9% Alcohol

Mineral backbone with fruit forwardness, each varietal adding the right amount of complexity. Very Côte du Rhône in aromatics and mouthfeel

91 Pts The Wine Advocate August, 2016

Jeff Cohn produces a number of proprietary wines, and I tasted three of his current releases. The 2013 Smoke & Mirrors is a Rhone Valley-inspired blend of 37% Zinfandel, 25% Petite Sirah, 24% Syrah, and the rest smaller quantities of Alicante Bouschet and Grenache coming from Multiple AVAs in California ranging from Amador and Paso Robles to Napa and Sonoma. A terrific bargain at \$25.00, this seriously endowed, juicy, seductive style of wine is Jeff Cohn's version of a high-end Cote du Rhone. Plenty of ripe blackberry and black cherry fruit, some beef blood and grilled meats along with Provencal Herbs, spice and licorice are all present in this meaty, medium to full-bodied, lusty wine. Drink this seductive wine over the next 3-4 years for its exuberant fruit. Robert M. Parker, Jr.

Twenty "Outstanding" Red Value-for-Money wines by The Wine Advocate. 91 Pts "A blend of mostly Zinfandel and Petite Sirah,....tastes like a top flight Côtés du Rhône with its brambly berry fruits, licorice, crushed rock and hints of Spring flowers. Fresh lively, pure and quaffably good, yet also with plenty of class and first rate purity, it's a terrific, beautifully made, medium-bodied, fruit-loaded red to buy by the case and enjoy over the coming 3-4 years." Jeb Dunnuck