



2013 RELENTLESS®

NAPA VALLEY

This wine honors long-time Shafer Winemaker Elias Fernandez and his relentless pursuit of quality. Sourced from a single ridgetop vineyard adjacent to the southern border of Stags Leap District, the grapes for Relentless are a proprietary blend of Syrah and Petite Sirah.

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| Release Date | September 1, 2016 |
| Vineyard Locations | A small ridgetop site and a foothills site along the Vaca Mountains just south of Stags Leap District |
| 2013 Growing Season | This was an ideal vintage that served up nothing but warm, sun-soaked days and perfect, chilly nights from spring through early autumn. The consistency of heat and coolness created a superb growing season in which we harvested fruit at delicious ripeness bursting with rich color and flavor. |
| Varietal Composition | 97% Syrah, 3% Petite Sirah |
| Brix at Harvest | 24.0° - 26.0° |
| Cooperage | 30 months in 100% new 60-gallon French oak barrels (Allier & Tronçais) |
| Alcohol | 15.8% |
| Food Affinities | A bold wine like Relentless complements similar concentrated flavors found in dishes such as Syrah-braised short ribs, smoked lamb with Relentless reduction, roast duck, as well as beef and game. Aged, dry cheeses such as Cheddar, Abbaye De Belloc, and Manchego also pair deliciously. |



WINEMAKER'S COMMENTS

"Pull the cork on this vintage and you'll find an inky, liquid feast – aromas and flavors of meat and game, briar fruit, morels, boysenberry, grilled blueberries and cinnamon. The acidity gives this otherwise deep, dark wine a liveliness that offer engaging pleasure. The ripe, silky tannins offer tremendous promise for things to come after years in the cellar."

—ELIAS FERNANDEZ

WHAT OTHERS ARE SAYING

"... the 2013 Syrah Relentless ... might end up being the finest one they've ever made ... the wine is opaque black/purple with an incredible nose of subtle wood, charcoal embers, blackberry, blueberry and black raspberry fruit, baking spices, and again, a roasted meatiness with some bouquet garni thrown in the background. The complex aromatics were already starting to roar from the glass, and the wine, enormously endowed, is full-bodied and flawlessly constructed. This is a killer effort that should drink well for 40+ years."

—ROBERT M. PARKER, JR., THE WINE ADVOCATE

SHAFER VINEYARDS

Shafer Vineyards is a 30,000 case winery in Napa Valley's Stags Leap District managed by the father and son team of John and Doug Shafer. The Shafer family owns and farms 200 acres of vineyards, sources for Shafer's Cabernet Sauvignon, Chardonnay, Merlot, and Syrah.