

BOOKER



SPRING RELEASE

2015

2013 OUBLIÉ \$75

46% Grenache, 34% Mourvèdre & 20% Counoise

Sticking to the plan since the '11 vintage, letting Oublie show pure Chateaneuf du Pape (with no Syrah added), the '13 vintage is quite a bit more textural along the mid-palate than the prior two vintages. 2013 was very difficult to tame, so don't be fooled by this supposed "elegant" wine. It is loaded with red fruit and tannins from the whole cluster fermentation, while still remaining versatile enough to enjoy with salmon, white fish, or a thick rib eye.

2013 FRACTURE \$85

100% Syrah

As I'm drinking this Fracture to write my notes, I can't help but think back to the '08 24 month version. As much as I tried to contain and mellow this wine, it turned out as a beast in every sense of the word! From the start you pick up creamy espresso with ripe strawberries dipped in dark chocolate. The mid-palate is dense and ripe, with a finish that extends over a minute. This wine will need until summer or later to shake off its adolescence (meaning it is too much like a barrel sample to drink now!) but it should live up to the pre-critical hype and go down as one of Booker's most legendary wines ever.

2013 VERTIGO \$75

45% Syrah, 29% Mourvèdre, & 26% Grenache

Holy cow! This wine is a beast. Great fruit, density, length, and structure. As always, this blend of Grenache, Syrah, and Mourvèdre is made using whole clusters in fermentation. This adds a gorgeous spice and tannin that sets this wine completely apart from all others. Big and dense like Fracture, but paired with a beautiful array of spices and floral aromatics. Currently it is drinking very tight, like most whole cluster wines, and likely will be best consumed in six months to a year's time.

2013 TEMPRANILLO \$75

100% *Tempranillo*

As most of you know, the Tempranillo is only made in stellar vintages. Well then, I think you know where I stand. A large and masculine wine, the Tempranillo shows classic black notes of espresso and dark chocolate with hints of blackberry and firm tannins on the finish. The real beauty of this wine though is that as masculine as it is, it is not overly massive or syrupy. Quite the contrary! It accomplishes the goal of seeming like a massive wine while still coming across the palate as elegant as the top Spanish Tempranillos do!

2013 FULLDRAW \$75

48% *Syrah*, 35% *Grenache* & 17% *Mourvèdre*

Fulldraw, the little brother to Vertigo, is our new wine from Assistant Winemaker Connor McMahon's vineyard immediately adjoining Booker. The soils are pure white calcareous shale, and getting a crop is almost impossible. Thus making it both a widely unique site as well as borderline unsustainable due to the minuscule yields of about .8 tons to the acre. As with most young vines in a site that has no vigor, the fruit you get is fresh and exciting but it is key to refrain from getting carried away and making a wine that is over the top in ripeness. The '13 Fulldraw will stand up to any GSM on the market, period. Notes of fresh blackberries and blueberries are backed with subtle hints of properly proportioned vanillin French oak. Seamless across the mid-palate and a long finish are why the critics are so high on this wine from such young vines. This wine will drink now or age gracefully for 10 years.

2013 RIPPER \$85

100% *Grenache*

The 2013 100% Grenache takes me back to the old Ripper days, but keeping ripe red fruit flavors of 2010-2012. This version is more textural than the past 3 vintages, while still maintaining the bright red cherry and raspberry notes. It finishes with hints of kirsch and cherry cola.

THESE WINES WERE BOTTLED JANUARY 2015.
WE ADVISE TO WAIT UNTIL JULY BEFORE CONSUMING.

Thank you for your interest in Booker wines. Should you have any questions, concerns or comments, please don't hesitate to contact us. We'd love to hear from you!