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CONTINUUM
2013

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Rating: **97+**

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The blend of the 2013 Proprietary Red Continuum is 66% Cabernet Sauvignon, 21% Cabernet Franc, 9% Petit Verdot and 4% Merlot. This was aged in about 80% new French oak for 20 months prior to bottling. In his technical notes he said that 30% of production was declassified. A flawless, potential masterpiece in the making, the dense ruby/purple color, beautiful notes of blueberry, black cherry, graphite and a touch of earth and background smoke are followed by a full-bodied wine with gorgeous integration of acidity, tannin, wood and alcohol. The tannins are present and substantial, but silky and well-integrated. This is a tour de force from Tim Mondavi and his team – a masterpiece of power and finesse that, although approachable now, should age gracefully for at least another 25-30 years. *Tim Mondavi's 38-acre project high on Pritchard Hill shows fabulous progress & potential.*