



Promontory Bill Harlan



Sehr geehrte Kunden, liebe Weinfreunde,

mit dem 2013er Promontory kam nun der zweite Jahrgang auf den Markt. Wir hatten bereits im August 2018 die Gelegenheit, diesen auf dem Weingut im Napa Valley zu verkosten.

Ein großer Napa und ein Wein auf Augenhöhe der Harlan Weinfamilie Harlan, BOND und Promontoty.

Jahr	Wein	Weingut	Einh	Pack	EUR/Fl. brutto
2012	Promontory – Harlan	Napa Valley	0,75	3er HK	699,00
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Michael Grimm (19,5+): „... tolle komplexe Nase, Kirschen, Cassis pur, spicy, am Gaumen dann auch Blaubeeren, sehr klar und trotz der Dichte große Balance, sehr kräftige Tannine“

Robert Parker (99): „...The best wine so far (although I suspect the 2015 may ultimately enter the picture as well) is the nearly perfect 2013 Promontory Estate. It is simply richer and fuller, with greater integration of tannin, and tastes spectacular. With an opaque, dense purple color and notes of graphite, wet rocks, blackberry and blueberry fruit, some charcoal, and again, loads of spice and loamy soil nuances, the wine has great intensity, a full-bodied texture, and finely grained, sweet tannin. This is a stunner and again, accessible, but its best days are probably a good decade away, as this could very well turn out to be a 40- to 50-year wine....*This 80-acre estate with 35 acres of vineyards high in the Mayacamas Mountains south of the Harlan Estate is another Cabernet Sauvignon project from Bill Harlan. It is hard to think of anything in Napa Valley as unexplored, pure wilderness, but Promontory Estate qualifies. I saw these wines last year, and now I've gotten the chance to see both the 2012 and 2013 again, and they are both even better than I had predicted when I tasted them last year. They are nearly all Cabernet Sau-*

vignon with touches of Cabernet Franc, Malbec and Petit Verdot in them, and probably the best way to compare them to the wines of Harlan Estate or the Bond single-vineyard projects is to describe them as more like a Napa version of a great St-Estèphe such as Château Montrose thanks to their spicy, earthy characteristics, although I'm not suggesting there is any of the rusticity that one might expect from these mountain terroirs"

Antonio Galloni (98+): „...The 2013 Promontory was utterly spellbinding when I tasted it last year. Since then, it has totally shut down after its recent bottling. Beams of mountain tannin and salinity give the wine its vibrancy, energy and pure mineral-driven intensity. Graphite, leather, game, smoke and dark stone fruit overtones start to take shape, but the 2013 is in no mood to show all of its cards. The 2013 is the most brilliant wine made yet at Promontory, and it has plenty of upside“

James Suckling (96): „...This shows beautiful aromas of cedar, walnuts, currants and pine needles. Full body, firm tannins and bright acidity. Vibrant and muscular with a crisp and energetic finish. A lively combination of fruit, tannins and acidity. Better a few years after release but already gorgeous. Juicy. Best Promontory yet, as the first commercial year was 2009“

Will Harlan about the 2012 vintage:

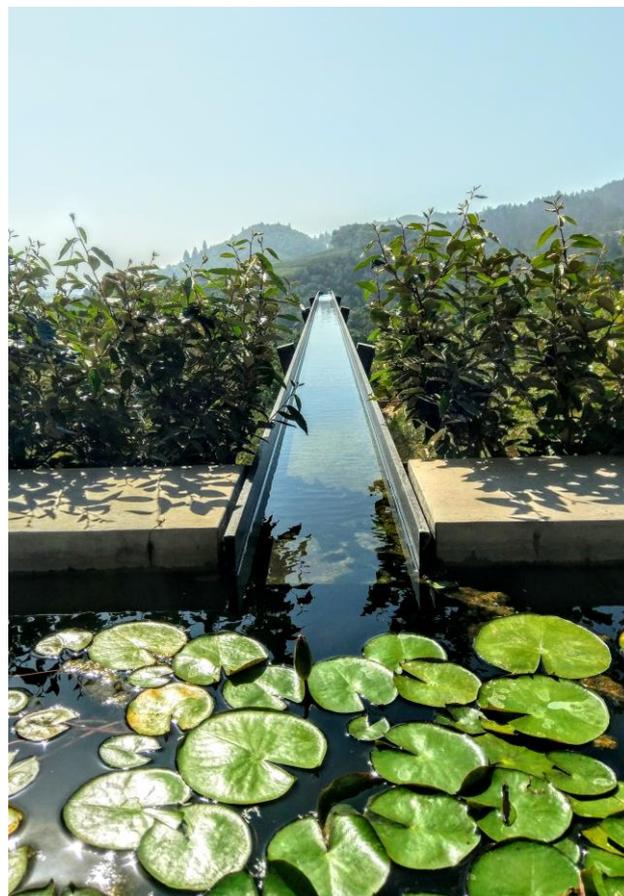
Budbreak on April 18th marked the beginning of an idyllic growing season. The weather was warm throughout the year, but without spells of extreme heat. While most of Napa Valley experienced an earlier harvest, the cooler climate of the territory provided a much more typical ripening pattern. Due to even ripening, the harvest period was compressed to fifteen days as opposed to the normal twenty to thirty in past vintages. Picking began on October 12th along the western ridge and continued a few days later with the low lying blocks on volcanic soil. The east-facing slopes followed, and harvest concluded on October 26th. As has become customary with the diversity of the territory, forty-six harvest passes were made resulting in nearly thirty distinct vinifications. After a year of aging, the selection for the final blend was made. The consistency of quality was a theme, but ultimately the lots that were chosen reflected both the power of the vintage and the restraint of the territory's more temperate environs.

Tasting notes from the Estate:

A rich garnet color and youthful brilliance define the appearance in glass. As is typical with the youthful wines of Promontory, the nose is subtle yet intricate. Several minutes after pouring, the different facets begin to emerge. Though one might discern distinct aromas of wet stone, cassis, and hints of resin, the nose seems to more appropriately transport one to the place itself. There is a feeling of moist fog, bringing both humidity and the scents of the native landscape, while projecting in the mind's eye a vision of sunlight without heat. On the palate, this vintage is decidedly forward. The acidity is forthcoming on entry and balanced by the sheer muscle and density of fruit. The tannins have a chiseled definition, but remain soft and pliant, delivering a long and persistent finish. While the 2012 reveals its precocious virtues, it is unable to hide the underlying truth that patience will provide great reward.

Parker about Promontory :

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