



MEMBER ONLY

2013  
**OPTIMISM**

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**WINE NOTES**

In his satirical novel *Candide*, Voltaire's ever-hopeful character Dr. Pangloss famously concludes, "All is for the best in the best of all possible worlds." In every vintage of Optimism we take the good doctor's words to heart and set out to craft the best of all possible wines from our favorite barrels of Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot and (occasionally) Cabernet Franc. The 2013 bottling is dominated by rich Cabernet Sauvignon, with a finishing touch of Merlot to soften the tannins and bring fruit to the forefront. Optimism captures the enthusiastic spirit of Pangloss – its name reflects our approach to making wine and celebrating Sonoma.

**WINEMAKING**

Blend:	83% Cabernet Sauvignon, 17% Merlot
Aging:	60% new French oak for 22 months
Cellaring:	10+ years
pH:	3.70
TA:	5.69 g/l
Alcohol:	14.4%
Production:	205 cases