



## 2013 mbf Charbono

*The foundation of my limited production mbf (man's best friend) wines is always a strong relationship; a vineyard owner, a handshake agreement and my desire to craft an excellent wine from his or her grapes—Brenda Lynch*

### **2013 mbf Charbono, Frediani Vineyards Calistoga—Napa Valley**

**A rare breed indeed!** Charbono is a very rare and often misidentified grape. Both known in France as Corbeau de Savoie (it's rarely grown in France these days) and as Bonarda in Argentina, California Charbono is planted on less than 100 acres of land. Luckily for Mutt Lynch, it thrives near our home in Calistoga, Napa Valley.

*Charbono—whether you've been a cult follower or, are just discovering this unique varietal, you're sure to love our third mbf vintage of this special wine.*

*2012 Vintage  
Bronze Medal - Orange County Fair*

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### **Frediani Vineyards, Calistoga**

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Our grapes are from Jeanne Frediani's vineyard on the edge of the Silverado Trail and vines dating back to 1938. It's a historic locale for California Charbono. Fruit from the Frediani old vines is considered to be some of the most sought after on the planet.

The age of the Frediani vines definitely shows through in the complex and nuanced character of our 2013 mbf Charbono. It's a pedigree we're delighted to be able to showcase!

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### **Brenda's Winemaking**

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For the third vintage of our Mutt Lynch "mbf" Charbono, Brenda has aged the wine for 18 months in 100% French oak. Brenda's approach --nothing but gentle handling to showcase the deep, dark fruit character of this rare grape. Fermentation took place in an open top tank, with 3 times per day punch-downs.

Fruit this outstanding equals minimal intervention in the winemaking.

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### **Tasting Notes**

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I'm a fan and you will be too of this rustic and romantic wine. It has an inky color that comes from the thick skins of this grape. The nose opens to notes of plums and figs. The flavor profile is one of plum, licorice and anise. It's medium-bodied with a chewy mouthfeel. The big tannins will soften over time and we think this wine will age beautifully.

Our suggested food pairing—farm to table lamb, grilled to perfection.



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### **Information**

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Vintage:	2013
Appellation:	Calistoga
Alcohol:	14.5%
Produced:	110 Cases
UPC:	8 50432 94515 4



*Brenda Lynch*

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