

BETZ

FAMILY WINERY

2013 Cuvée Frangin

"the little brothers blend"
RED WINE

The Cuvée Frangin Blend weaves together seamlessly, providing a compelling richness and balance. It is designed to be enjoyed younger, but will age for several years.



This year's Cuvée Frangin offers a strong introduction to the 2013 vintage. Cut from the same cloth as our flagship wines, the Cuvée Frangin shares the vibrant fruit, silky texture, and sense of freshness that has us all excited about the vintage.

2013 marks the second vintage of our newest wine in the Betz Family line up, Cuvée Frangin. The concept came to life in 2012, during our annual blending trials. The perennial question was raised "how do we push quality further?" Looking at our efforts in the vineyard and cellar, the decision was made to perform an even stricter selection process of barrels that would make it into our flagship wines. In effect, we raised the bar for quality and character needed to make it into our final blends. At the same time, we utilized barrels that had historically found a home in our premium wines, to create Cuvée Frangin.

A greater amount of Cabernet Sauvignon was available to us at the blending table in 2013, which is immediately noticeable in the aromatics; Red currants, raspberries, and blackberries all compete for your attention, while more subtle notes of cedar spice and crushed herbs are expressed with time in the glass.

The palate offers plush fruit flavors, and this is where the Rhone varietals show their presence. Crisp acidity, and velvety tannins support flavors of plum, pomegranate, and strawberry. The palate is deep and layered, but above all showing the mouthwatering structure of the '13 vintage. The finish is sweet, and reflects the marriage of Bordeaux and Rhone varietals.

The Cuvée Frangin is certainly capable of improving with bottle age, but is irresistible now

Varietal Components:

- Cabernet Sauvignon
- Merlot
- Petit Verdot
- Syrah

Drinkability: now through 2020

AVA and Vineyard Components:

- Red Mountain
- Horse Heaven Hills
- Yakima Valley

Barrel Components:

- 100% French Oak
- 20% New
- 80% One fill

