



"Harlan Estate might be the single most profound red wine made not just in California, but in the world. Perfectionist Bill Harlan is capably backed up by his winemaking team of American Bob Levy and French enologist, Michel Rolland. Each time I taste these highly distinctive, singular wines, which are largely meant for future consumption, they reveal everything one could want in a Cabernet Sauvignon-based wine - awesome power and depth allied to complexity, symmetry, and unbelievable presence and personality. Moreover... they are damn delicious." – Robert M. Parker, Wine Advocate



HARLAN ESTATE

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Bill Harlan *Proprietor*
Robert S. Levy *Winemaker*

H. William Harlan had a vision... simply put, he was determined to create a **First Growth** in California's Napa Valley – a unique and consistent wine of such extraordinary quality and pronounced character as to be comparable to the greatest achievements of Bordeaux' finest châteaux. With a strong background in real estate and hotel development, Harlan possessed a sophisticated understanding of *location* perfectly suited to the long-term commitment of this wine project. In fact, Harlan Estate is the result of a twenty-year search for prime hillside vineyards, culminating in the patchwork acquisition of 230 acres above Napa's fabled Rutherford-Oakville benchlands. The land is magnificent – oak-studded knolls and valleys, only ten percent of which are under vine. Harlan planted the vineyard in the mid-eighties with meticulously-selected clones of Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Cabernet Franc and Petit Verdot. The farming and cultural practices are uncompromising, with low vigor and exceedingly low yields. Harlan Estate is produced from grapes that are harvested at roughly half the yields of most Bordeaux First Growths.

100 points *"The prodigious 2007 Harlan Estate reminds me of a hypothetical blend of the 2002 with a touch of the controversial 1997. Dense plum/purple-colored with sweet aromas of barbecue smoke, blueberries, blackberries, cassis, licorice, hot rocks and subtle oak, it is a splendidly opulent, pure wine with a skyscraper-like texture as well as stunningly deep fruit that expands gracefully across the palate. The finish lasts nearly a full minute. Because of its overwhelming richness and sweet tannins, this brilliant wine seems to be approachable now, but I suspect further nuances and complexity will emerge after 4-5 years in the bottle. This wine will still be going strong at age 25-30. Like the offerings from its sister estate, Bond, these Harlan Estate offerings are uncompromisingly brilliant examples of Napa viticulture and winemaking at its finest. Kudos to proprietor Bill Harlan." – Robert M. Parker, Wine Advocate*

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