

**Blankiet Estate 2013 Mythicus**  
**Paradise Hills Vineyard**  
**Yountville, Napa Valley, United States**

Graphite, melted road tar, dark spices and black fruit are some of the signatures that emerge in the 2013 Cabernet Sauvignon Mythicus. Towering and vertical in the glass, the 2013 possesses magnificent intensity and overall structure. The 100% new oak gives the Mythicus much of its unctuous texture and overall gravitas. Today, the Mythicus is a bit heavy, especially next to the 2014, but it is super-expressive just the same.

— Antonio Galloni, October 2015

**Grapes Variety:** 100% Cabernet Sauvignon Blankiet fans will find much to admire in these current and upcoming releases. The 2012s continue to develop positively in bottle, while the 2013s capture the utter profoundness of this great Napa Valley vintage. But it is the 2014s that could turn out to be the most surprising wines in the three vintages spanning 2012-2014, as they exude brisk energy, striking aromatics and fabulous overall energy. Comparing the 2013s and 2014s here will be a fascinating exercise for many years to come. Proprietors Claude and Katherine Blankiet spare no expense to put only the very best in the bottle, while winemakers Denis and May-Britt Malbec continue to refine their approach to getting the most out of these pristine hillside vineyards. The flagship Proprietary Red and new 100% Cabernet Sauvignon Mythicus will get most of the attention, but readers should also take a look at the Prince of Hearts, which is one of Napa Valley's very finest values in artisan, world-class wine.