

## 2012 NAPA VALLEY CABERNET SAUVIGNON

Dark red in color, on the nose the wine smells of blackberry, black cherry, and clove, with background notes of coffee and vanilla. On the palate, the wine bursts with fresh fruit, cherries, and blackberries. A seamless arc of flavor flows into a slightly smoky finish.

## HARVEST & WINEMAKING

The grapes used to produce this wine are from the best appellations in Napa Valley from the best growers. A list of our growers include: Sequoia Grove estate vineyard, Tonella estate vineyard, Stagecoach, Morisoli, Lamoreaux, Henry Brothers, Healy vineyard, Beckstoffer George III, and Christian.

Each site was harvested at its ideal brix, ranging between 23 and 27, and picked over the course of six weeks, from September 19 – October 31. The fruit was hand sorted before undergoing a 1-2 day cold soak. The lots were individually fermented in small batches, with gentle pumpovers 2-3 times per day. The wine underwent malolactic fermentation in barrel, where it was aged for 20 months before being racked and bottled in August 2014.

## THE 2012 VINTAGE

The 2012 vintage was a winemaker's dream. A textbook winter with a decent amount of rain, led into a dry spring with a dash of rain around bud break followed by a moderately warm summer and a dry fall. Tonnage was up in all vineyards and varieties, pushing harvest later into the fall and the quality was amazing. The excitement for the wonderful aromas and flavors coming from 2012 wines is truly palpable.

## WINE STATS

Cases produced: 29,293 Alcohol: 14.2% TA: 5.71 g/L pH: 3.79

Blend: 77% Cabernet Sauvignon, 11% Cabernet Franc, 10% Merlot,

1% Petit Verdot and 1% Malbec

Oak: Aged 20 months in barrel, 40% American oak

Appellation: Napa Valley