

2012 RUTHERFORD CABERNET SAUVIGNON

This "Rutherford" Round Pond Cabernet Sauvignon is hand crafted entirely from our Rutherford Estate. Exhibiting rich characteristics of dark complex fruits, minerality and balanced intensity, the layers of this wine truly reflect our vineyards terroir.



CURRENT ACCOLADES



WINE ADVOCATE: 93 points

WINE SPECTATOR: 92 points

VINOUS: 90 points

TASTING NOTES

Complex and elegant aromatics of black cherry, ripe strawberries and raspberry tart are complimented by nuances of cola, vanilla, licorice and dusty cocoa. On entry, the palate is loaded with intense candied fruit composed of fleshy plums and ripe red berries. The mid-palate features darker fruit that give way to hints of caramel and roasted almonds with well-rounded tannins and firm acidity. Throughout the long smooth finish, notes of wet stone, dried flowers and classic Rutherford dust make this wine the perfect candidate to age gracefully over time.

VINTAGE & VITICULTURE

The 2012 harvest yielded generous amounts of very high quality fruit. Moderate weather throughout the growing season put little pressure on the vine and provided grapes with well-balanced chemistry and intense flavors. Individual lots from specific estate vineyard blocks were fermented and aged separately to allow the broadest range of flavors at blending. All lots received extended maceration with pumpovers and aged 18 months in 70% new, tight grain French oak. The wine is a union of multiple small lots from twenty hand-selected vineyard sites on the 357 acre estate vineyard property.

WINE FACTS

WINEMAKERS: Muiris Griffin & Thomas Rivers Brown

VARIETALS: 86% Cabernet Sauvignon, 9% Petit Verdot, 5% Malbec

FERMENTATION: All small lot fermentation including 500 liter puncheons

AGING: 18 months in 70% new tight grain French Oak

RELEASE DATE: June 1st, 2014

SRP: \$60.00

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