



2012 SIGNATURE CABERNET SAUVIGNON

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THE WINE

The Signature Cabernet Sauvignon has been our flagship wine for more than three decades. It is a benchmark for the long-lived hillside wines of the Napa Valley; full of structure and aging potential, yet seductively forward in its concentrated varietal character. The dry, rocky soils of Pritchard Hill produce small, intensely flavorful grapes. Crop thinning allows for full, even ripening and further elevates flavor complexity.

GROWING SEASON & HARVEST

The 2012 growing season offered fantastic growing conditions. Significant rains in early March were followed by perfect weather during bloom and an excellent fruit set. Summer temperatures were also ideal, with alternating periods of fog and sunshine ensuring great hangtime and no significant stress on the vines. With no notable heat events, and no threat of rain, we were able to pick exactly when we wanted to, resulting in pristine, perfectly developed fruit with great balance and acidity.

TASTING NOTES

The phenomenal 2012 growing season has yielded a head-turning wine with gorgeous aromas of ripe berry and cherry, as well as layered notes of cola, cedar and fresh herbs. As it evolves, additional hints of plum, anise and sage are revealed adding nuance and complexity. On the palate, this wine is lush and supple, with round tannins and powerful mountain-grown flavors of juicy, sun-ripened blackberry, dark cherry, roasted coffee and dark chocolate.

WINE STATISTICS

September 16 to 26, 2012
25.4-28.0° Brix at Harvest
14.9% Alcohol

TA .49 g/100 ml
pH 3.81

76% Cabernet Sauvignon
9% Merlot
8% Malbec
7% Petit Verdot



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