



AIDA ESTATE 2012 CABERNET SAUVIGNON

Harvest Dates

September 17 – October 4, 2012

Barrel Age

19 months in French Oak, 75% new tight grain, thin stave 22mm barrels

Cooperage

Taransaud, Demptos, Ermitage

Bottling Date

June 2, 2014

Alcohol

14.9%

Release Date

Spring 2015

Our Aida Estate Vineyard has confirmed our initial belief that this site would be ideal location for growing Bordeaux varietals. Just north of the pinch in the hourglass of the Napa Valley, the cabernet sauvignon grapes from our Aida Estate provide the bold, structured backbone for this immensely enjoyable wine.

The nearly textbook conditions of 2012 presented very few challenges starting this almost ideal growing season with a mild spring, healthy bud break, steady flowering and even fruit set. Summer ushered in warm days and cool, frequently foggy, nights; fall had beautiful warm temperatures, with very few heat spikes. The bountiful fruit enjoyed long, slow ripening resulting in highly developed and expressive flavors. Light rainfall arrived after we had harvested optimally ripe fruit. The 2012 vintage is marked by wines of exceptional balance, captivating aromatics and are succulent on the palate. Immensely enjoyable in their youth, these wines are cellar-worthy and will gratify for the long term.

Our 2012 Aida Estate Cabernet Sauvignon opens with a deeply expressive nose of juicy dark red fruits highlighted by vibrant red cherry and lusciously ripe red raspberries. The perfumy nose continues to open revealing deeply enticing scents of rich cocoa powder, scorched earth and iron-laden red soils heated by summer sun. The well-structured backbone of firm tannins lift a bold, streamlined acidity that indicate lengthy cellaring potential. The finish lingers and lingers long after the last delicious sip.

Our 2012 Aida Estate Cabernet will benefit from generous decanting for the next five years and will develop in your cellar for 20+ years.

Cases Produced: 897

Retail Price: \$250 ~ 750ml