



2012 29 ESTATE CABERNET SAUVIGNON



Harvest Dates: October 12 – October 18, 2012

Barrel Age: 20 months, 85% new French Oak

Cooperage: Taransaud, Demptos, Ermitage

Bottling Date: June 4, 2014

Alcohol: 14.8%

Release Date: Fall 2015

Cases Produced: 800

Retail Price: \$250 ~ 750ml

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.

Opening with a sultry mix of crème de cassis, blackberries and crushed stone, this wine is as generous and giving as it is elegant and sophisticated. Hints of camphor and licorice mingle with tobacco leaves and graphite on the palate. The mouthfeel is full and rich showcasing firm, sweet tannins and a bright acidity. Our 2012 29 Estate Cabernet Sauvignon will benefit from generous decanting in its youth and will develop gracefully for 20 to 25 years.

“...this brilliant tour de force for Cabernet Sauvignon may be one of the finest Cabernets Vineyard 29 has yet produced”

-The Wine Advocate