

CARTE BLANCHE



2012 Cabernet Sauvignon Napa Valley

AVA: Napa Valley

VARIETAL: 94% Cabernet Sauvignon, 6% Petit Verdot

VINEYARDS: Oakville: Beckstoffer's Missouri Hopper Cabernet Sauvignon, Calistoga: Blossom Creek Cabernet Sauvignon & Petit Verdot

CLONES: Blossom Creek is 337. Hopper is half 4 and half 337. Petit Verdot is a proprietary field selection.

SOIL: Variety of soils; from very rocky, compressed volcanic ash soils of Calistoga's Blossom Creek Vineyard to clayish-loamy soils of the Hopper Vineyard .

ALCOHOL: 14.9%

VINEYARD YIELDS: 2.5 tons per acre average

SKIN CONTACT: 30+ days

BARREL AGING: 18 months

COOPERAGE: 100% French oak barrels from selected coopers Darnajou & Taransaud

MALOLACTIC FERM.: 100% MLF

TASTING NOTE: A robust nose of black cherry, red currants, sandalwood, and fresh tobacco leaf dance from the glass. The 2012 Cabernet Sauvignon shows off its pedigree with an ethereal silky entrance, backed by firm tannins, and a generous palate of blackberry, red currant, graphite, and cocoa, all seamlessly woven together. A driving finish pulls together beautiful fruit, savory notes, and definitive structure.

CASES: 600 Cases Produced.

RETAIL: \$125

Hand-picked, small lugs hauled with refrigerated truck, double sorting (cluster by cluster and then berry by berry), gently pressed, French Oak barrel aged for 18 months. No fining. No filtration.