



# *Estate Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon*

**Vintage:** 2012

**Color:** Dark purple and red

**Aroma:** Super ripe red raspberries, cloves, mocha and licorice are some of the many notes that emerge from the 2012 Cabernet Sauvignon Estate Reserve.

**Palate:** The 2012 Cabernet Sauvignon Estate Reserve flows across the palate with layers of expressive dark red fruit, spices, new leather and licorice. The style is rich and enveloping throughout, with notable silkiness and exceptional polish. Hints of white pepper and orange peel add an attractive upper register on the finish. Here the fruit is a bit more red-toned than in either the 2010 and 2011.

**2012 Weather Conditions:** The 2012 vintage is already being touted as super-excellent in quality as well as quantity. Maybe even the best ever, some growers say. The optimism for this year's vintage springs from a perfect growing season, comparable to 1997 and 2005. Tonnage records were set in both years. had moderate weather during the year and right at the end of September we had a cool period where you get flavor development without sugar accumulation. So we saw balanced and ripe fruit.

**The Wine:** The 2012 Estate Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon is 100% Cabernet Sauvignon and 100% from our estate. It is a blend of multiple blocks planted with different Cab clones and rootstocks culminating in a complex aggregate.

<b>Harvest:</b>	October 4 - October 30, 2012
<b>Brix:</b>	23.6
<b>TA/pH:</b>	6.9/3.76
<b>Bottled:</b>	September 2014
<b>Released:</b>	March 2015
<b>Varietal:</b>	100% Cabernet Sauvignon, 100% Estate grown
<b>Alcohol:</b>	15% ABV
<b>Appellation:</b>	100% Napa Valley
<b>Maturation:</b>	100% French Oak for 22 months bottled unfined & unfiltered.