

DUCKHORN

VINEYARDS

NAPA VALLEY



2012 Napa Valley Cabernet Franc

At Duckhorn Vineyards, we have been working with Napa Valley Cabernet Franc for over a quarter century, exploring its ability to add elegance and complexity to our blends and its capacity to produce stand-alone wines of stature and sophistication. Incorporating valley floor fruit with an emphasis on older vines, low yields and warmer vineyards, our Cabernet Franc offers beautiful varietal notes of dark cherry, raspberry and red currant with hints of tobacco leaf and graphite.

2012 Harvest Notes

The 2012 growing season offered near-perfect growing conditions. Though budbreak was late due to heavy spring rains, warm weather during bloom allowed the vines to set a large crop. Increased yields were the result of more berries, not larger berries. This translated into even higher quality in the winery, as the skin-to-juice ratio remained ideal. Slightly cooler-than-average post-veraison weather and a lack of any heat events allowed for greatly extended hang time. Harvest was 2-3 weeks later than average, and the grapes arrived at the winery in pristine condition.

Comments from the Winemaker

This complex, age-worthy wine offers classic Cabernet Franc aromas of blackberry, cassis, violet, pencil shavings, tobacco leaf and savory herbs. A compelling, masculine structure carries through from start to finish, underscoring robust flavors of black currant, raspberry reduction, cinnamon and sage.

Varietal Content

95% Cabernet Franc, 2.5% Cabernet Sauvignon, 2.5% Malbec

Harvest Information

4 Napa Valley vineyards

Harvest Dates: October 8-18, 2012

Average Sugar at Harvest: 26.4° Brix

Cooperage

100% French oak, Chateau-style barrels (60 gallons)

Barrel Aging: 18 months

Age of Barrels: 50% new, 50% Second vintage

Production/Technical Data

Alcohol: 14.5%

Titrateable acidity: 0.58g/100 ml

10-12 days fermentation at 82°F

pH: 3.61

Bottled: July 23, 2014

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