

DUCKHORN

VINEYARDS

NAPA VALLEY



2012 Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon

Patzimaro Vineyard

Our Patzimaro Vineyard is located in the St. Helena appellation at the base of Spring Mountain. The site was named after the town of Patzimaro de Aviña in honor of the Hurtado Family, an essential part of the Duckhorn Vineyards winemaking team who migrated from this small village to the Napa Valley in 1987. The vineyard enjoys high daytime temperatures that help to fully ripen the grapes and cool evenings that allow the fruit to retain the natural acidity needed to create balanced, elegantly structured wines.

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

Once again, Patzimaro has yielded an intensely aromatic wine with alluring layers of cherry cola, graphite, petrichor and plum sauce. As it continues to open up, additional notes of licorice and rose petal slowly reveal themselves, showcasing the wine's depth and complexity. On the palate, round supple tannins support abundant flavors of blueberry, olive, cherry wood and black licorice.

Varietal Content

94% Cabernet Sauvignon, 6% Merlot

Harvest Information

Appellation: Napa Valley

Sub-appellation: St. Helena

Harvest Dates: October 2 - 21, 2012

Average Sugar at Harvest: 25.7° Brix

Cooperage

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

Barrel Aging: 18 months

Age of Barrels: 85% new, 15% second vintage

Production/Technical Data

Alcohol: 14.5%

.60 g/100ml titratable acidity

10-12 days fermentation at 80°F

pH: 3.68

Bottled: August 2014

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