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VINEYARDS

NAPA VALLEY



2012 Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon

Rector Creek Vineyard

Rector Creek Vineyard is located north of Yountville along the Silverado Trail. A unique climate, combined with Rector Creek's rocky alluvial soils, creates excellent growing conditions for the vines. The 39-acre site is planted with Merlot, Cabernet Sauvignon, Zinfandel, Petit Verdot and Cabernet Franc. The wines from this vineyard exhibit abundant dark red fruit characteristics including black raspberry, with hints of strawberry.

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

The 2012 growing season has yielded a complex and compelling expression of Rector Creek Cabernet, with a beautiful nose of blueberry, lavender, dried sage and grilled figs, as well as hints of warm earth. On the palate, bright acidity and fleshy tannins add definition to intense flavors of the blackberry and crème de cassis.

Varietal Content

86% Cabernet Sauvignon, 14% Merlot

Harvest Information

Appellation: Napa Valley

Sub-appellation: Yountville

Harvest Dates: October 19 - 23, 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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