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VINEYARDS



2012 Estate Grown Napa Valley Merlot
Rector Creek Vineyard

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

Deep, rich aromas of cherry compote, bourbon pecan pie and brambly fruit rise from the glass, announcing this as a serious Merlot. On the palate, layers of cassis, chocolate-covered cherry, mulled plum, violet, red licorice and rose petal are supported by fine-grained tannins that add to the supple structure of this seamless and elegant wine.

Varietal Content

97% Merlot, 3% Cabernet Sauvignon

Harvest Information

Appellation: Napa Valley - Yountville
Harvest Dates: September 12 – October 4, 2012
Average Sugar at Harvest: 26.3° Brix
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Cooperage

100% French oak château-style barrels (60 gallons)
Barrel Aging: 18 Months
Age of Barrels: 75% New, 25% Second vintage

Production/Technical Data

Alcohol: 14.5%
Titratable Acidity: 0.63g/100ml
pH: 3.54

Bottled: July 31, 2014
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