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VINEYARDS

NAPA VALLEY



## 2012 Rutherford Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon

The Rutherford winegrowing region has long been the source for some of the Napa Valley's most storied Cabernets, and for many years, this coveted fruit has played an important role in our Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon. Building on our experience with these exceptional grapes, this wine captures the essence of Rutherford Cabernet Sauvignon, from its lovely layers of blackberry, cassis and tobacco to the dusty minerality that has come to define the legendary wines from this appellation.

### 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 wine begins with a complex nose of blackberry, brambly red fruit, pencil shavings, sweet spice, wild sage and warm terracotta. Fine-grained tannins and a classic note of Rutherford dust add dimension to the round velvety palate, underscoring flavors of Bing cherry, spiced plum and cedar.

### Varietal Content

100% Cabernet Sauvignon

### Harvest Information

Appellation: Rutherford, Napa Valley

Harvest Dates: October 24, 2012

Average Sugar at Harvest: 25.3° Brix

1 Vineyard Harvested

### Cooperage

100% French Oak Château-style Barrels (60 Gallons)

Barrel Aging: 16 Months

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

### Production/Technical Data

Alcohol: 14.5%

0.64 g/100 ml titratable acidity

10-12 days fermentation at 80°F

pH: 3.72

Bottled: July 2014

Release Date: September 2015

