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Single Vineyard Wines

2012 QUARRY VINEYARD

Cabernet Sauvignon, Rutherford, Napa Valley



VINEYARD DESCRIPTION

The Quarry Vineyard climbs the slopes above the Silverado Trail on the east side of Rutherford. The name comes from the old quarry that was the source of a white rock used in the ghost winery that still stands beside the vineyard. Three distinct hillside blocks, each experiencing its own unique soil and exposure, are harvested from this vineyard. The white, rocky loam soils are well drained, and the vines are of moderate vigor. Cluster and berry size varies from block to block, but all are small to moderate. This vineyard has full exposure to the afternoon sun.

HARVEST NOTES

An ideal 2012 growing season with warm days and cool, foggy nights offered the perfect conditions for fruit and tannin maturity. There were no heat spikes this year, so flavor development was at its peak. We pulled leaves around the fruit to give adequate exposure and acclimate the clusters to the warm summer sun. Bloom and veraison occurred two weeks ahead of last year, but this vineyard's larger crop size slowed the progression of ripening. Fortunately, warm weather in September and early October provided adequate heat to ripen the extra fruit, and the longer hang time helped soften the tannins.

SENSORY EVALUATION

The 2012 Quarry Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon delivers a wonderful expression of both lush, juicy fruits and supple earthiness. Cherry notes shine over a medley of dried herbs, earth and tea. This intriguing combination continues to build as the char and spicy toast from the French oak add another element of flavor. The wine is rich, yet supple, and lingers on the palate through a long, expansive finish.

APPELLATION

Rutherford, Napa Valley

VARIETAL

100% Cabernet Sauvignon

AGING

French oak barrels
(53% new, 47% once-used)

RELEASE DATE

September 2015

HARVEST DATES

October 15 - 19, 2012

SKIN CONTACT

14 - 18 days

TIME

17 months

FIRST VINTAGE

2006