



2012 cade 'Napa Valley' Cabernet Sauvignon

Production:	232 Barrels
Alcohol:	14.9%
Varietals:	78% Cabernet Sauvignon 13% Petit Verdot 9% Malbec

VINEYARD NOTES

The cade napa valley Cabernet Sauvignon is made from some of Napa's most renowned vineyards: Kenefick Ranch Vineyards in Calistoga, Beckstoffer's Melrose Vineyard in Rutherford, Hanson-Hsieh Vineyard in Oak Knoll, Heitz Cellars in Pope Valley, UC Davis Oakville Station, and Komes Ranch in St. Helena.

ÉLEVAGE

The wine received 18 months barrel aging in 100% French Oak (42% New). Malolactic fermentation occurred in barrel immediately after primary fermentation. The wine was racked quarterly once malolactic fermentation was complete.

COOPERAGE

We use several different coopers for the Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon including Sylvain, Nadalie, Seguin Moreau, Taransaud, Quintessence, Saury, Orion, Gamba, and Demptos. Of these coopers we are sourcing the oak from several different forests as well as using a combination of Medium plus and Heavy toasting levels.

BOTTLING

Wine was bottled on May 7th and 8th, 2014

OUR THOUGHTS

The 2012 vintage was a stellar vintage for CADE. The growing season was ideal with summer and fall temperatures in the mid 80's. The season looked to be a bit early since we started picking Cabernet on the last week of September. However the first two weeks of October were cool and we got additional hang time to develop flavors and mature tannins. The result is a wine with incredible color, aromas of chocolate covered cherries, rose, raspberries, blueberry, and coco nibs. The palate is dense, rich, and thick. It has integrated tannins that are balanced and velvety in texture. The wine finishes with flavors of graham cracker, roasted marsh mellow, berry compote, vanilla, coffee, and cassis.

