



# 2012 CABERNET SAUVIGNON

*Napa Valley*

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## WINE PROFILE

From a wonderfully abundant vintage with exceptional quality, this Freemark Abbey Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon is a blend from over 20 + vineyards using all 5 Bordeaux varietals. Selecting from all over the Napa Valley, we were truly kids in a candy store in creating this 2012 cabernet with its' youthful dark ruby color. With great complexity, the wine expresses aromas of fresh boysenberry, blackberry pie, Bing cherry, dark chocolate, chocolate berry truffle dusted with cocoa powder, all integrated with the spicy sweetness of oak, cedar, cinnamon, clove and a hint of black pepper. The body is very full with a soft entry, coupled with dark cherry/berry flavors that develop from start to finish. With great texture and mouth feel, this cabernet is full bodied, rich and opulent. In one word....delicious.

## PRIMARY VINEYARDS

**Bosche Vineyard—Rutherford (15.4%)** Located west of Hwy. 29, on the famed Rutherford Bench, the Bosche vineyard has very deep gravelly soils. A seasonal creek crosses the vineyard which causes the water table to be high in the spring, providing water and nutrients for new shoot growth. As veraison approaches the water table drops, stressing the wines and intensifying the dark velvety fruit flavors.

**Broken Rock (10.8%)** East Napa located on the south east side of Napa, this vineyard has a western facing aspect that brings in the warm afternoon sun. The soils are weaker, located amongst the oak chaparral, they are well drained promoting the concentration of cabernet flavors.

**TBarT (8.4%)** Located in the eastern mountains of Alexander Valley AVA, these mountainous volcanic soils create wine of deep garnet color, dark fruit and firm tannis.

**Keyes (8.0%)** Located near the town of Angwin, at roughly 1850 ft elevation, this Howell Mtn vineyard sits adjacent to the Las Posadas State Forest. The mountainous soil is predominantly volcanic, shallow with low fertility, and producing merlot that expresses dark fruits like blackberry and dark currant.

**Budge Brown (6.6%)** Hillside vineyard carved out of the eastern facing hills of Pope Valley, the soil is old volcanic tufa that creates wines rich with dark cherry aromas.

## GROWING SEASON NOTES

This growing season was ideal and some would venture to say...."perfect". With textbook conditions for spring bud break, the vines continued steady growth over the spring, flowering and fruit set. Classic weather promoted a very even set of fruit that was abundant but not over cropped. The long summer days brought a normal veraison, initiating the long ripening period that achieved our goals before the fall rains. Harvest was a winemaker's dream...

STATISTICS				
COMPOSITION	FERMENTATION	ALCOHOL	PH	AGING
75.5% Cabernet Sauvignon 16.6% Merlot 3.3% Cabernet Franc 2.6 % Petit Verdot 2.0% Malbec	Stainless steel fermenters at 75-86° for 10-28 days skin contact	14.5%	3.60	Barrels: 86% French Oak, 32% new and 14% American Oak, 8% new Cooperage: predominantly World Cooperag Aged in Barrels: 25.4 months
BOTTLING DATE		HARVEST DATES & SUGAR		
March—April 2015		Various dates between 9/14-11/2, averaging roughly 24.5° Brix, the majority of the fruit was harvested in October		ACID
AGE OF VINES & SOIL TYPE		LIFE SPAN IN PROPER CELLAR		
7 - 25 years; This blend is a great finger print of the Napa Valley. Valley floor vineyards are well-drained loam and clay loams, formed by alluvial deposits. The western mountain top soils are shallow and acidic with low fertility, while the eastern mountain top soils are more volcanic, with poor fertility and incredible minerality.		15-25+ years (Stored undisturbed horizontally in a dark, cool place. Maintained at a constant temperature of 55°F.)		