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Alexander Valley Cabernet Sauvignon

SILVER OAK

TASTING NOTES

Our 2012 Alexander Valley Cabernet Sauvignon is a lively and full-bodied expression of Alexander Valley Cabernet Sauvignon from an exceptional vintage. It has a lovely garnet color and opens with aromas of black currant, orange zest and raspberry. These aromas are framed by nuanced notes of vanilla, marshmallow and cocoa, eliciting an effect reminiscent of chocolate-covered berries. The attack is rich and gives way to a mid-palate with breadth and depth, supported with refreshing acidity and integrated, dusty tannins. This wine has power with an unusual vitality and structural balance. Given proper cellar conditions, this wine will provide drinking pleasure through 2034.

VINTAGE DESCRIPTION

The 2012 vintage saw many winemakers and vintners excited about the exceptional growing conditions. Not only were we excited about the great growing conditions but also the innovative vineyard techniques like berry sensory analysis and precision farming we implemented in our vineyards.

The dry winter was followed by well-timed rainfall in February, March and mid-April when we received about two inches that filled the soil profile before the coming season. Budbreak was even and bloom progressed quickly, leading to clusters with both high quality and high quantity potential. The summer weather was wonderfully cooperative with only a single day's high above 100°F from May through the end of September and no precipitation until the end of October. A small heatwave on the 1st and 2nd of October was perhaps the only blip in the otherwise mild weather pattern. We began harvest on September 24th and concluded on October 20th before an inch of rain fell in the Alexander Valley on the 23rd. The final tally showing a bountiful harvest wherein quality was immensely promising from the outset.

VINTAGE	2012
APPELLATION	Alexander Valley
COMPOSITION	98% Cabernet Sauvignon, 2% Merlot
BOTTLE SIZES	750ml, 1.5 L Magnum, 3 L Double Magnum, 6 L Imperial
ALCOHOL	14.2%
RELEASE DAY	August 6, 2016

