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Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon

SILVER OAK

TASTING NOTES

Our 2012 Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon artfully combines the classic elegance of the old world and the ripe fruit of California. It displays an opaque garnet color with a bouquet driven by fruity aromas of blackberry liqueur and hoisin sauce. It also offers the savory components of sage and molasses. These complex aromatics are complemented by sandalwood and nutmeg characteristics indicative of American oak aging. This is a well-structured wine with a compact and rich mid-palate buttressed by silky tannins and generous acidity. Given proper cellaring, this wine will provide drinking pleasure through 2037.

VINTAGE DESCRIPTION

The 2012 vintage was broadly described as being an exceptional growing season and a gift from Mother Nature. 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 the beginning of the extended drought period in California, but well-timed rainfall in February and March, as well as two inches in mid-April, 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 before a short heat event on October 1st and 2nd. We began harvest on September 11th and concluded on October 19th, after which an inch of much-needed rain fell on October 23rd.

VINTAGE	2012
APPELLATION	Napa Valley
COMPOSITION	80% Cabernet Sauvignon, 10% Merlot, 7% Cabernet Franc, 3% Petit Verdot
BOTTLE SIZES	750ml, 1.5 L Magnum, 3 L Double Magnum, 6 L Imperial
ALCOHOL	14.4%
RELEASE DAY	February 4, 2017

