



# TWOMEY



## 2012 SODA CANYON RANCH MERLOT NAPA VALLEY

### WINEMAKER'S NOTES

Our 2012 Soda Canyon Ranch Merlot from the Napa Valley combines the refinement of old world winemaking with the expressiveness and generosity of California fruit. This textural wine has a garnet color and a nose of blackberry, licorice, graphite, tar, dark chocolate and cloves. The velvety mouth-feel of this wine is remarkable. The palate begins with a hint of blackberry fruit and builds to a long finish of fruit compote, chocolate and fine-grained tannins. Given proper cellaring, this wine will give drinking pleasure through 2030.

### NOTES FROM THE VINEYARD

The 2012 growing season could be summed up as a mild season with near perfect growing conditions. It began with moderate rainfall that filled the soil profile by budbreak, which was about a week later than normal. Early spring was mild, and by late April conditions were slightly warmer than average, perfect for flowering, resulting in a healthy and even crop. Aside from a heat spike on June 16th, summer was moderate and blessedly uneventful. Harvest began on September 26th and concluded on October 5<sup>th</sup>, 2012.

### JEAN-CLAUDE BERROUET

World-renowned winemaker, Jean-Claude Berrouet, joined Twomey as Winemaking Consultant in January of 2012 to work closely with our Director of Winemaking, Daniel Baron, on the production of our Merlot. With over 50 years of winemaking experience, including 44 vintages with the incomparable Chateau Pétrus, he is considered to be one of the foremost proponents of "classicist" winemaking, in that his wines are balanced, true to their origins and capable of longer aging.

### HARVEST DATES:

September 26 – October 5, 2012

### BARRELS:

French Oak, 32% new

### BARREL AGING:

13 months

### COMPOSITION:

80% Merlot  
16% Cabernet Franc  
4% Petit Verdot

### ALCOHOL:

14.6%

### RELEASE DATE:

May 1, 2016

### BOTTLE SIZES:

750 ml, 1.5 L magnum,  
3 L double magnum, 6 L imperial