



2012 ESTATE CABERNET SAUVIGNON
RED HILLS LAKE COUNTY
CRIMSON HILL VINEYARD

VINEYARD

Our 2012 Cabernet Sauvignon is our Crimson Hill Vineyard in the Red Hills district of Lake County. The vineyard is at 2,000 feet elevation and overlooks the southern end of Clear Lake. This vineyard was planted with 13 acres of Clone 7 Cabernet in 1995. The soils are red and volcanic and provide the perfect site for growing great red wines. The climate is ideal for late season reds because during the long growing season, the vineyard receives daily full sun with warm temperatures which are tempered by afternoon mistrals.

WINEMAKING

The grapes were crushed, concentrated by bleeding 8% of the volume, and then cold-soaked for three days prior to fermentation in bins holding approximately 1.5 tons each. The bins were punched down and aeratively pumped over for a period of 10 days providing a gentle quality extraction of color, flavor, and texture. After pressing, the wine was aged in a combination of new and used French oak barrels for a period of 20 months.

TASTING NOTES

The wine exhibits aromas of ripe plum and fig, with highlights of chaparral spice, clove and dried herbs. The lively, concentrated flavor bursts with ripe berries and sweet oak with a long finish. This structured wine calls for full throttle fare such as grilled meats and game.

Harvest: October 12, 2012
Harvest Tons: 4.5
Harvest Brix Average: 26.0
Harvest Acid: 4.2 g/l
Harvest pH: 3.71

Bottling: August 5, 2014
Alcohol: 14.5%
Production: 454 cases
Retail Price: \$30

