



2012 Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon

VINEYARD NOTES

The grapes for our inaugural bottling of Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon are sourced from two AVAs: Rutherford and Atlas Peak.

Ithaca Vineyards, Rutherford – strategically located in the heart of the Rutherford bench, the block we sourced from was planted in 2005, all clone 169. Well drained, gravelly, loamy red soils with volcanic deposits define this premium site along with benchland exposure.

Elkington Setty Ranch, Atlas Peak – 1600-1700 ‘ elevation, north-south row orientation, with ideal south/southwest exposure, situated on the eastern shoulder of Atlas Peak, believed to be the site of one of the earliest planted vineyards on Atlas Peak going back to the 1880’s. 35-40 year old vines. Rocky, well drained volcanic soils predominate.

VINTAGE NOTES

2012: The 2012 Vintage was one of the most ideal growing seasons we have experienced. The entire season was exceptionally long thanks for fair weather and moderate temperatures. The long hang-time led to flavor development and added complexity in the grapes.

Moderate winter rains carried into the spring, accompanied by mild temperatures. Summer brought warm days and cold nights with no rain. Harvest season was clear until late October when approximately 2” of rain fell just as the last blocks were picked. Harvest began on September 23rd and finished October 29th.

TECHNICAL SPECS

APPELLATION
Napa Valley

VARIETAL CONTENT
86% Cabernet Sauvignon , 9% Petit Verdot,
5% Merlot

HARVEST
October 4th- 20th

BARREL COMPOSITION
100% French Oak, 50% New

COLD SOAK
2 days

FERMENTATION LENGTH
9 days

FERMENTATION
Open top tanks/Closed barrel

MALOLACTIC
100%

BARREL AGEING
29 months

TOTAL ACIDITY
.73g per 100ml

pH
3.56

ALCOHOL CONTENT
14.7%

WINEMAKER
Don Van Staaveren

PRODUCTION
306 cases