

Spiriterra Vineyards

Napa Valley Family Estate

2012 Cabernet Sauvignon



TECHNICAL INFORMATION

Appellation: Napa Valley
Vineyard designation: 100% of Cabernet Sauvignon grapes hand harvested from Spiriterra Vineyards
Alcohol: 13.5%
Production: 246 cases (750ml)
Total acidity: 6.27 g/L
pH: 3.68
Barrel aging: 24 months in neutral French oak
Harvest date: October 1, 2012
Bottling date: November 13, 2014

GOLD MEDAL 2015 NORTH COAST WINE CHALLENGE (93 PTS)
“ELEGANT, FLASHY OUT OF THE GATE” - NCWC JUDGE

THE VINEYARD

Spiriterra Vineyards is a small, family-owned vineyard located in the Howell Mountain hills area east of St. Helena. 100% of our grapes are hand picked from our estate ensuring only the highest quality grapes go into our wine. We are geographically blessed with incredible soils, good mountainside drainage, excellent sun exposure, and extraordinary growing conditions. Long, warm days and cool nights, that allow for a slow accumulation of sugar, provide ideal conditions for properly ripening our grapes. Our two-acre Cabernet vineyard was replanted in 2003 and shares the distinctive honor with its Greenfield Road neighbors for the growing of premium Cabernet grapes. Thanks to exceptional growing conditions in 2012, we bottled 246 cases. The long season, moderate temperature, lack of major heat spikes, and lack of rains during most of harvest made for one of the best vintages in recent memory.

WINEMAKER TASTING NOTES

Bright cherry and blackberry fruit with a bit of sage sprinkled on top greets the nose. The fruit follows nicely in the mouth with the herbal notes adding complexity and moderate tannins giving a beautiful mouth feel. The herbs slightly outweigh the fruit in the finish and complement the tannin to provide a pleasant, lingering accompaniment to a variety of foods. This elegant wine, although approachable in its youth, will reward those with the ability and patience to age it for 10 to 15 years. For a delightful combination try it with Italian sausage, peppers and onions.



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