

2012 STEWART NAPA VALLEY CABERNET SAUVIGNON

Appellation: Napa Valley Production: 1,280 cases Consulting Winemaker: Paul Hobbs Vineyard Sources: Crystal Springs (32%), Red Hen (44%), Max Vineyard (19%), Steltzner (5%) Varietal: 100% Cabernet Sauvignon Aging: 22 months in 65% New French Oak

WINEMAKING

The fruit for our 2012 Stewart Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon was farmed and picked on a row-byrow basis to ensure optimal ripeness. The fruit was then hand sorted and whole-berry fermented in small lots. Aged in 65% new French oak for 22 months, this wine was neither fined nor filtered prior to bottling.

TASTING NOTES

The 2012 Stewart Napa Valley Cabernet catches the eye with its opaque deep garnet color rimmed with bright purple. Rich aromatics of vanilla, blackberry, and tobacco entice while the full-bodied palate features flavors of blueberry and plumb with a hint of smoke from the French oak. The tannins are plush and powerful, but not overbearing, giving this wine perfect balance. This Cabernet Sauvignon is the flagship of Stewart Cellars; always memorable and enjoyed upon first release and a decade on.

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