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2012 '1886' Cabernet Sauvignon

Producer Profile

Located just north of the town of St. Helena on the loamy bench soils at the base of the western hills, the estate produces world-class Bordeaux varietals from its historic 42-acre vineyard. The entire property is biodynamically farmed and 100% certified organic. The winemaking is at once state-of-the-art and hands-on artisanal. Natural yeast, the finest French oak barrels, and attention to detail are the ingredients. The wines are age-worthy and collectable, and made in an international style that celebrates power, finesse, elegance, and terroir expression.

Winemaker's Notes

Complex, layered, and sophisticated. Powerful and elegant, blackberries, espresso, caramel, leather, French plums, and sweet black currants. This wine is ripe and chewy, big and round, with beautifully resolved tannins. Great balance and structure, like an entire meal in a glass, with a finish that goes on forever. A classic *Ehlers Estate* "1886" that will continue to improve for decades.

Notes on the Vintage

2012 was a great vintage in the Napa Valley. Early spring rains gave us just the water we needed to get the vines growing, then the warm weather set in right on cue. All summer long we enjoyed warm days and cool nights that were so beautiful it was almost too good to be true! A long mellow season with enough heat to polish the grapes and develop the flavors, and no extreme weather events to compromise the valley-wide excellence. Every grape on the estate was picked at optimum ripeness.



Final Blend

95% Cabernet Sauvignon, 2% Merlot, 2% Cabernet Franc, 1% Petit Verdot

Oak Regime

100% French Oak, 70% New

Primary Coopers

Nadalie, St. Martin, Baron, De Jarnac

Harvest Date

October 19 – October 26, 2012

Bottling Date

July 22, 2014

Average Maturity

24.9 °Brix, 3.71 pH, 0.57 TA

Finished Wine

14.5% alcohol