



EHLERS
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2012 Merlot

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

Another luscious, full, and rich Merlot that illustrates the full potential of the Ehlers terroir. A complex presentation of licorice, black raspberries, red currants, cappuccino, and chocolate cherries. The tannins are at once fine and chewy, and the bold, juicy structure of this wine is what has always made the Ehlers Merlot "a Merlot for Cabernet drinkers."

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

92% Merlot, 8% Cabernet Franc

Oak Regime

100% French Oak, 50% New

Primary Coopers

Nadalie, St. Martin, Baron, Demptos, De Jarnac

Harvest Date

September 26 – September 29, 2012

Bottling Date

August 23, 2014

Average Maturity

24.9 °Brix, 3.71 pH, 0.62 TA

Finished Wine

14.2% alcohol