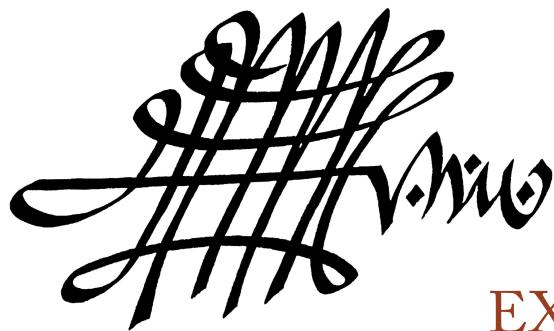




EX ANIMO

Cabernet Sauvignon | Yakima Valley | 2012

Vintage Notes

2012 was a picture-perfect vintage, with steady ripening and consistently warm weather allowing for fruit with opulence and depth. Cool nights balanced the long warm days to provide structure and elegance. The resulting wines have unusual intensity, elegant aromatics, exquisite texture and wonderful balance.

Tasting Notes

Aromas of wet tobacco, black pepper, and fresh thyme are wrapped in subtle layers of black and blue fruits. The palate begins with amazing depth and clarity, powerful yet refined. Flavors of dark fruit and cedar mingle with fresh herbes de Provence and violets. As the wine transitions to mid-palate, the powerful flavors linger, gradually giving way to hints of clove and smoke. Elegance is retained as the wine's refined acidity comes into play, drawing the flavors through the mouth and into a beautiful finish. The tannin profile exhibits polished Cabernet Sauvignon structure, giving the wine the depth for graceful aging.

92 Points, The Wine Advocate

"Always representing an excellent value, winemaker Mike Macmorran continues to release a smoking Bordeaux blend under his Ex Animo label. A blend of 88% Cabernet Sauvignon, 9% Merlot and 3% Cabernet Franc that finished fermentation in barrel and spent 22 months in 60% new French oak prior to bottling, the 2012 Ex Animo exhibits gorgeous black and blue fruits, wild herbs, violets and sappy underbrush-like aromas and flavors. These give way to a medium to full-bodied, elegant, ultra-pure Cabernet Sauvignon that has good acidity and fine tannin that frame the finish. If the mid-palate fills in, this score will be conservative. Give bottles 1-2 years and drink through 2024."

— Jeb Dunnuck,
The Wine Advocate

BLEND

88% Cabernet Sauvignon
9% Merlot
3% Cabernet Franc

BARREL

60% new French oak barrels, 40% neutral French oak barrels
22mm French Chateau
Aged for 21 months

PRODUCTION

165 Cases

RELEASE

September 10, 2015

APPELLATION

Yakima Valley

VINEYARD

Red Willow



MANU PROPRIA is from the Latin meaning, "By my own hand," and has been used since the middle ages to denote something too important to be entrusted to another. Our logo is based on a medieval woodcut representing a stylized "MP" for Manu Propria, which was used to seal official documents. To the right are the letters "vnm", an abbreviation of vinum, Latin for wine. Thus, our label reads "Wine by my own hand". Our winery is an intentionally small family organization, ensuring that every bottle receives our full personal attention.

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