



2012 District Collection Diamond Mountain Cabernet Sauvignon



TECHNICAL NOTES

APPELLATION: Diamond Mountain District, Napa Valley

VARIETAL: 100% Cabernet Sauvignon

ALCOHOL: 15.2%

PH: 3.64

TA: 5.92 g/L

AGEING: 17 months in French Oak, 45% new French Oak

IN THE VINEYARD

Our inaugural release from the Diamond Mountain District AVA, is harvested from some of the highest and oldest vineyards in the Napa Valley. Our Diamond Mountain District Cabernet Sauvignon grapes benefit from volcanic soils and direct sunlight, resulting in grapes with brighter acidity and bold, powerful tannins.

ABOUT THE VINTAGE

"Classic" and "perfect" are just two accolades being bestowed upon the 2012 Napa Valley growing season and harvest. Textbook conditions saw near-ideal spring bud break, steady flowering, even fruit set, and a lengthy stretch of warm days and cool nights during the long summer months. Late and light rains held off until Napa Valley's treasured wine grapes found optimal ripeness, bringing exceptional quality to the crush pad and into the cellar.

CONVERSATIONS WITH THE WINEMAKER

After harvesting on October 18th, the grapes were fermented on the skins for 33 days. After a native fermentation, the wine was gently pressed, racked and aged for 18 months in a mix of Seguin Moreau and Demptos French oak barrels, 45% new French Oak. Tightly grained, French oak barrels from forests in the center of France impart their oak on wines slowly for a consistent, well-rounded aging process while yielding subtle oak influences to the Cabernet Sauvignon.

WINE PROFILE

Our 2012 Diamond Mountain District Cabernet Sauvignon offers up mountainside aromatics of brambly thickets with a touch of spice. Upon the palate, cardamom and black plum are complemented with hints of citrus zest and Orange Pekoe tea. This wine presents sweet, round tannins and a coating mouth feel.