

# 2012 MERLOT - ESTATE GROWN

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### THE WINE

**Region:** 100% Estate Grown in the Calistoga AVA of the Napa Valley

**Volume:** 300 Cases

**Composition:** 90% Merlot, 10% Cabernet Franc

**Average Tons/Acre:** 2.9

**Average Brix:** 28.0

**Hand Harvested:** 9/25/12

**Fermentation:** 3 Day Cold Soak, 14 Day Ferm at 82F Twice Daily Aerated Pump-overs until below 1Brix Delistage Process twice during fermentation

**Wood:** 65% New French Oak

35% Neutral French Oak

**Bottled:** 5-Jun-14

**Coopers:** Taransaud, D & J, Sylvain, Orion, Trueil

**Barrel Aged:** 18 Months

**Bottle Aged:** 2 Years

pH: 3.82

TA: 6.1 g/L

RS: .4 g/L

ALC%: 15.5

### WINEMAKER'S NOTES

Copious notes of red fruit, strawberry jam and spicy notes. Fresh berry preserve shows on the entry, bright acidity integrates the oak tannin, creating a creamy mid palate.

