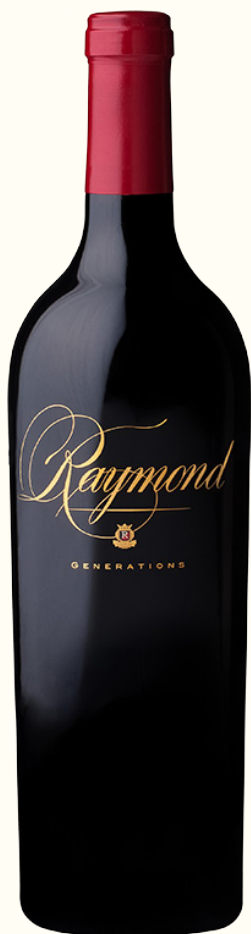


NAPA VALLEY

Raymond

2012 GENERATIONS NAPA VALLEY CABERNET SAUVIGNON



TECHNICAL NOTES

APPELLATION: NAPA VALLEY

VARIETAL: 97% CABERNET
SAUVIGNON, 3% PETIT VERDOT

ALCOHOL: 14.5% BY VOL.

PH: 3.70

TA: 5.67 G/L

AGEING: 18-20 MONTHS IN 65%
NEW FRENCH OAK

CASE PRODUCTION: 2,000 CASES

IN THE VINEYARD

The grapes for the 2012 Generations Cabernet Sauvignon are grown in some of the best vineyards and appellations in the Napa Valley. The majority come from two vineyards on the west side of St. Helena known for sandy soils that produce berries with sweet, ripe tannins. The remaining grapes were grown from a meticulously farmed knoll-top vineyard at the corner of Oakville Cross Road and Silverado Trail as well as the Cafaro vineyard in Southeast Napa, right outside of Stags Leap. By blending grapes from these renowned appellations, we are able to make a wine that truly represents the best of Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon and honors our five generation history of making wine in the Napa Valley.

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 and often foggy 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

Generations is a tribute to the Raymond family's five generations of winemaking in the Napa Valley. This limited production wine is 97% Cabernet Sauvignon and 3% Petit Verdot, giving our Cabernet extra backbone and structure, contributing to the ultimate expression of this varietal.

Grapes were fermented on the skins for 26-55 days to lend complexity and depth to the wine before being racked to new, tight-grained, medium and medium-plus toast French oak barrels for 18-20 months of aging. Only our best barrels of Taransaud, Demptos, and Seguin Moreau were selected for this Cabernet Sauvignon.

WINE PROFILE

Our 2012 Napa Valley Generations Cabernet Sauvignon is a striking dark ruby color in the glass and opens with graceful aromas of blackberry, raspberry, and toasted oak that are interlaced with mocha and vanilla notes. This is a beautiful, velvety wine that displays flavors of marionberry and anise with a dense, full palate and a long, lingering finish. Enjoy this wine now or let it age gracefully over the next 20+ years.