

N A P A VALLEY

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## 2012 District Collection Yountville Cabernet Sauvignon



### TECHNICAL NOTES

**APPELLATION:** Yountville, Napa Valley

**VARIETAL:** 100% Cabernet Sauvignon

**ALCOHOL:** 14.5%

**PH:** 3.68

**TA:** 5.73 g/L

**AGEING:** 18 months in French Oak,  
45% new French Oak

### IN THE VINEYARD

Harvested from a single vineyard on State Lane in the warmer northern reaches of Yountville, this 100% Cabernet Sauvignon benefited from the AVA's rocky, well-drained soils and a long growing season that allowed the fruit time to develop unique flavor characteristics and truly demonstrate the region's terroir.

### 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

All clone 169, the grapes were fermented on the skins for 45 days with pumpovers twice daily. After fermentation, the wine was gently pressed, racked and aged for 18 months in a mix of Demptos and Chalufour 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

The 2012 Yountville Cabernet Sauvignon opens with aromas of jammy blackberry pie, cassis berry and a touch of spice. Upon the palate this wine is dense with structured tannins and luscious flavors of dark cherries, star anise and hints of caramel. The velvet tannins lead way to a satisfying finish.