

2012 HARTWELL ESTATE “DIVINE” CABERNET SAUVIGNON
STAGS LEAP DISTRICT, NAPA VALLEY



*100% Hartwell Estate Vineyards
Stags Leap District, Napa Valley
80% Cabernet Sauvignon, 20% Merlot
Harvested October 15th – October 26th, 2012
Aged 18 months in 100% new French oak barrels
190 cases Produced
Release Date: June 2015*

Vintage Notes:

The 2012 growing season was exceptional for California winegrowers. It started with a wet winter and spring, transitioning to great weather that blessed us during bloom with an incredible fruit set. In this relatively warm year, one of the keys was to drop the crop aggressively (just after two years of very light production).

As always, a few high heat events occurred towards the end of the growing season but we were able to harvest concentrated berries, fully ripe with great flavors. We are extremely happy to release that newest vintage of Hartwell Vineyards, I hope you appreciate the wines as much as we enjoyed the growing season.

Tasting Notes:

Fermented solely in Taransaud oak barrels, the 2012 Divine reveals soaring aromatics of blackberries, raspberries and sweet tobacco leaf while mingling with scents of black cherry, rhubarb, cocoa and fig paste. Full-bodied and deeply concentrated with great tannic structure, this wine will develop additional complexity over the next decade, but offers immediate enjoyment when decanted for several hours.

Benoit Touquette, Winemaker

*Grow the best grapes...
....Make the best wine.™*