

2012 HARTWELL ESTATE RESERVE CABERNET SAUVIGNON

STAGS LEAP DISTRICT, NAPA VALLEY



*100% Hartwell Estate Vineyards
Stags Leap District, Napa Valley
81% Cabernet Sauvignon, 9% Cabernet Franc, 7% Merlot, 3% Petit Verdot*

*Harvested October 13th - October 30th, 2012
Aged 18 months in 100% new French oak barrels
Release Date: Fall 2015
Alc 14.1% by Vol. - Production : 600 9L cases*

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 the newest vintage of Hartwell Vineyards, I hope you appreciate the wines as much as we enjoyed the growing season.

Tasting Notes:

Showcasing aromatic notes of soft ripe and dark fruits, blackberries, red cherries and restrained oak flavors, the 2012 Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon has a perfect balance between the primary fruit flavors of Creme de Cassis, chocolate, raspberry, blueberry, mocha and cooked cranberries along with our estate vineyard terroir characteristics of licorice and sweet tobacco leaf. Rich and stylish this wine offers considerable hedonistic opulence, composed with good structure, sweet acidity and fully integrated tannins. A joy to drink now, the 2012 Hartwell Estate Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon will continue to evolve beautifully over the next two decades.

Benoit Touquette, Winemaker

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