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2012 CABERNET SAUVIGNON

Napa Valley

VINEYARD NOTES

The 2012 vintage is comprised of Cabernet Sauvignon from Beatty Ranch Vineyards (65%) and Montgomery Vineyards (35%). Beatty Ranch is located on Howell Mountain, one of the most prestigious and distinctive vineyard sites in the Napa Valley. Long, warm days and cool nights coupled with high elevation of 1,800 ft above sea level create optimal growing conditions. The temperature shifts and cool mountain breezes ensure that the grapes fully ripen while maintaining balanced acidity. The unfertile loam soils force the vines to reach deep for nutrients and consequently produce smaller, more concentrated fruit.

The steep slopes of Montgomery Vineyards are located in the Calistoga AVA, which display similar characteristics to Beatty Ranch. Montgomery Vineyards has the distinction of tight vineyard spacing, forcing the already ambitious vines to become practically cutthroat. Its extreme diurnal variations are the highest in Napa Valley producing wines with more acid retention and better balance.

WINEMAKING NOTES

2012 was an ideal growing season in Napa. No frost, followed by excellent fruit set in the spring and even ripening throughout summer. Warmer temperatures meant we harvested Montgomery Vineyards slightly earlier on the morning of September 14th, while the Howell Mountain fruit was picked on October 18th. The two lots were kept separate throughout the entire process. The wine was fermented in 65% new French oak hand selected from four different coopers, and 35% neutral French oak. The wine aged for a total of 30 months in barrel and released in August 2016.

TASTING NOTES

Lush and expressive on the nose, aromas of truffle, dark berry fruit, and lavender jump out of the glass. On the palate, the wine is earthy, vibrant, and full of fruit such as black currant and blackberry. Notes of tobacco and cedary oak lace a dark chocolate core. The wine is very approachable with the necessary structure and acidity that livens the palate. Ready to drink now, but the flavors will continue to develop and improve with age.

AT A GLANCE

Release Date:	08/29/2016
Varietal:	85% Cabernet Sauvignon / 15% Petit Verdot
Appellation:	Napa Valley
Sub-Appellation:	Howell Mountain / Calistoga
Vineyard:	65% Beatty Ranch Vineyards / 35% Montgomery Vineyards
Alcohol Content:	14.7%
Barrel Description:	65% new French oak barrels / 35% neutral French oak barrels
Barrel Aged:	30 months
Case Production:	370 cases
Retail Price:	\$78 USD

