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2012 CABERNET SAUVIGNON NAPA VALLEY RESERVE

Vintage

2012 proved to be a perfect growing season in Napa Valley. Near-ideal spring bud break, steady flowering, even fruit set and a lengthy stretch of warm days and cool nights provided textbook conditions for the vines. Optimum ripeness was easily achieved, bringing exceptional quality into the cellar. The wines are showing a smooth balance of acids and sugars, great depth of color, and beautiful aromatics. Yields were near-normal in quantity.

Vineyards

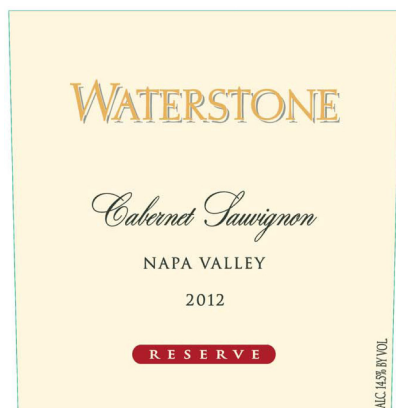
Well-established, low-yielding, hillside vineyards are the foundation of this wine, giving the finished blend its intense inner core of fruit.

Vinification

The grapes were hand picked at optimum ripeness. Following destemming, the grapes were stainless steel-fermented and received extended skin contact before being transferred to barrels. The wine was aged in small French oak barrels for 25 months (100% new barrels) where the wine completed malolactic fermentation. The wine was racked prior to bottling.

Tasting Notes

With its Bordeaux-like presence, this wine is deep, rich, and lingering. Firm, integrated tannins frame the dense, concentrated, dark fruit (currant, black cherry, wild berry, plum.) Nicely integrated oak adds to the wine's great complexity and long finish.



Technical Data:

Varietal Composition	85% Cabernet Sauvignon 9% Merlot 5% Cabernet Franc 1% Petit Verdot
Appellation	Napa Valley
Alcohol	15.0%
TA	0.55g/100ml
pH	3.86
Oak Aging	28 months
Oak Cooperage	French oak, 100% new
Bottling Date	April 15, 2015
Production	912 cases (6/750ml)