

WATERSTONE

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2012 SYRAH NAPA VALLEY

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.

Vineyard

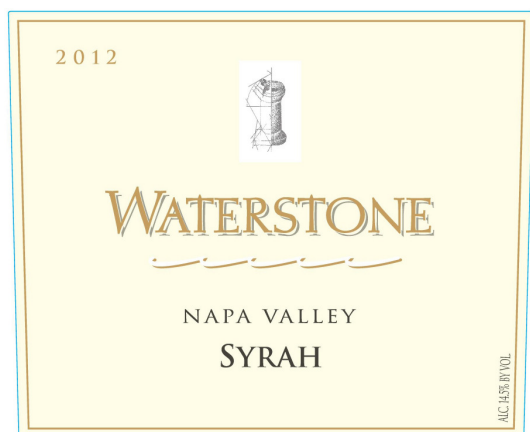
The Syrah grapes for this wine were grown on a hillside of the Truchard Vineyard in the Carneros district of Napa Valley, a region noted for its cool climate and low yields. Soils are composed of volcanic rock and ash.

Vinification

The grapes for this Syrah were hand picked at the peak of maturity. After destemming, the grapes were whole-berry fermented in open-top fermenters, which were punched down manually to provide maximum flavor and minimum harsh tannins. Following fermentation, the wine was transferred to small French oak barrels for two years. The barrels were 35% new and 65% used (2nd and 3rd year.) Prior to bottling, the wine received minimal filtration.

Tasting Notes

This exotic Syrah offers aromas of ripe berries and white pepper, with hints of mocha and tobacco. This theme carries through to the rich mouthfeel, where it is married with jammy blackberry, a touch of mineral, and nicely integrated oak.



Technical Data:

Varietal Composition	100% Syrah
Appellation	Napa Valley / Carneros
Alcohol	14.4%
TA	0.60 g/100ml
pH	3.81
Oak Aging	24 months
Oak Cooperage	French oak, 35% new
Bottling Date	December 18, 2014
Production	175 cases