

WATERSTONE

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2012 CABERNET SAUVIGNON 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.

Vineyards


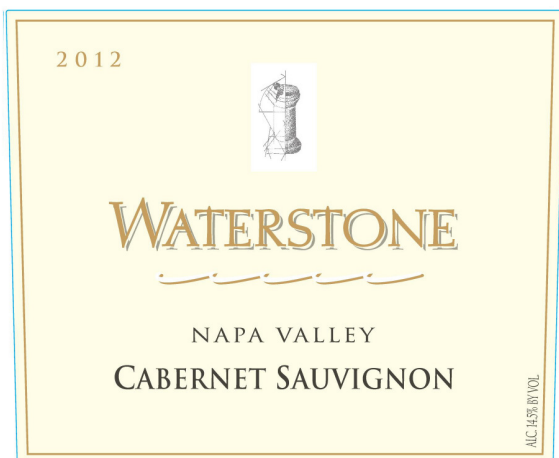
Well-established hillside vineyards are the foundation of this wine, giving the finished blend its intense inner core of fruit. The complexity and balance of this vintage was achieved through diverse sourcing.

Vinification

Following destemming, the hand-picked 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 21 months (80% 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 concentrated, dark fruit (currant, black cherry, wild berry, plum.) Toasty oak and an earthy edge add to the wine's great complexity.



Philip Zorn, Winemaker

Technical Data:

Varietal Composition	76% Cabernet Sauvignon 18% Merlot 2% Cabernet Franc 2% Syrah 1% Petit Verdot 1% Malbec
Appellation	Napa Valley
Alcohol	14.8%
TA	0.60 g/100ml
pH	3.75
Oak Aging	21 months
Oak Cooperage	French oak, 80% new
Bottling Dates	August 19-22, 2014
Production	7852 cases