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2012 ZINFANDEL 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

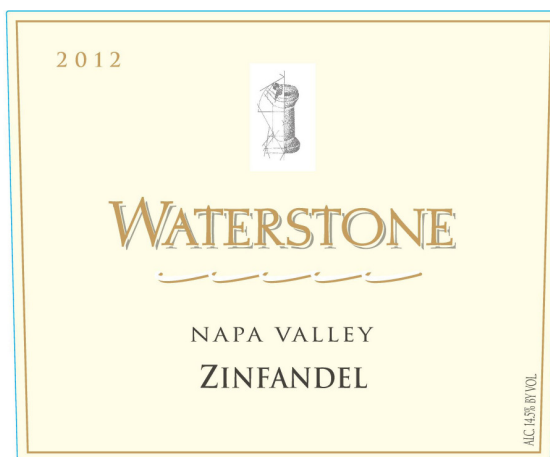
This Zinfandel is sourced from the Truchard Vineyard in Napa Valley's Carneros region. The vines hug the hillside, and benefit from deep, alluvial soils and good sun exposure.

Vinification

Vineyards were hand-picked at the peak of maturity. Following harvest, the grapes were gently crushed and fermented. The wines were then aged in small French oak barrels with extended lees contact for twenty-four months. Only 30% new barrels were used to maintain maximum fruit flavors with just a hint of toasty oak.

Tasting Notes

This bold Zinfandel has great structure and finesse. Aromas of ripe currant, blackberry and cedar lead to jammy flavors of black cherry and cranberry with a hint of black pepper.



Technical Data:

Varietal Composition	100% Zinfandel
Appellation	Napa Valley
Alcohol	14.5%
TA	0.60g/100ml
pH	3.81
Oak Aging	24 months
Oak Cooperage	French oak, 30% new
Bottling Date	February 3, 2015
Production	254 cases