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2012 CABERNET SAUVIGNON NAPA VALLEY

VINEYARD

- Properties: State Lane, Beckstoffer Dr. Crane, Beckstoffer Las Piedras, Stagecoach, Flat Rock, Broken Rock, Wombats, Nathan Coombs Estate
- Clonal Selection: 4, 7, 337
- Sites: Various sites and exposures; various soils
- Yield: avg. 3.8 tons/acre

GROWING SEASON

- Summary: The 2012 growing season has been described by many as “textbook perfect”. Temperate summer days moderated plant growth, contributing to smaller cluster and berry size during lag phase, leading to increased concentration of flavors. An idyllic Indian summer finished the maturation process, producing fruit with exceptional character and intensity.
- Harvest Date: October 17th – 29th
- Harvest Brix: 25.5°

WINEMAKING

- Hand-harvested, picked at night
- Hand-sorted while still cold from the field
- Fermented in small, closed top, stainless steel tanks with indigenous yeasts
- 5-day cold soak, 29 days total maceration
- Gentle pumpovers and delestage
- Aged 20 months in French Oak barrels; 57% new
- Coopers: Taransaud, Darnajou, Marcel Cadet, Radoux, Baron, Boutes, Marques, Sylvain
- Spontaneous malolactic fermentation in barrels
- Varietal Composition: 97% cabernet sauvignon, 2% Cabernet Franc, 1% Petit Verdot
- Unfined and unfiltered; bottled June 2014

NOTES

- This stately cabernet sauvignon derives great depth from the diverse terroirs of its pedigreed vineyards, including Beckstoffer Dr. Crane, Beckstoffer Las Piedras and Stagecoach. The wine is dark garnet in color with brooding aromas of blackberry and cassis. A juicy palate reveals complex layers of black fruits and baking spice with mineral traces of pencil lead and slate. Youthful acidity backed with chewy, brambly tannins creates a well-balanced 30 second finish. Alcohol 14.7%