

2012 *Mountainside* CABERNET SAUVIGNON

TASTING NOTES

Deep ruby color, with a nose of mocha, dark fruits, and saddle leather. On the palate we find flavors of mission figs, black plums, cassis, espresso beans, Valrhona chocolate, sweet clay, cigar-box and blackberries. This medium-full bodied wine is framed by strong tannins and builds with notes of Grand Marnier, underbrush, purple sage, porcini mushrooms, and lavender on the long and complex finish.

18 months in 100% French Oak, 72% new 94% Cabernet Sauvignon, 4% Cabernet Franc, 1% Merlot, 1% Petit Verdot 14.0% ABV

620 cases produced

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2012 was simply a spectacular vintage. Textbook conditions saw near-ideal spring bud break, steady flowering, even fruit set, and a lengthy stretch of warm days and cool nights during the summer months. The grapes reached optimal ripeness, resulting in nearperfect fruit. The abundance of quality in this vintage allowed our winemakers the opportunity to select only the very best clusters at the time of harvest. While 2012 resulted in a 30% larger yield compared to the previous two vintages, it is actually on par with near normal quantities and is of superior quality.

